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5 tourists injured after minivan falls into ditch

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Two police officers inspect the minivan that fell into a ditch after it collided with a Toyota Yaris sedan at the accident-prone intersection of Chalan Pale Arnold Road and Kopa Di Oru Street near Sugar King Park in Garapan yesterday afternoon. Five of the 13 tourist passengers in the minivan were taken to the hospital for minor injuries. Both drivers were not injured.

» Yet another vehicular collision at accident-prone Sugar King Park intersection

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Five persons, including a minor, were injured when a minivan loaded with tourists fell into a ditch after it collided with a car at the accident-prone intersection of Chalan Pale Arnold Road and Kopa Di Oru Street near Sugar King Park in Garapan yesterday afternoon.

An ambulance transported the five persons, all Korean tourists, to the Commonwealth Health Center for minor injuries. A few others suffered scratches on the arms and legs.

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GES resumes whole day classes

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Garapan Elementary School has resumed its regular whole day classes after most of its classrooms that were damaged by Typhoon Soudelor last year have already been repaired. GES is one of the biggest elementary schools in terms of student population.

GES principal Liela Yumul told *Saipan Tribune* that they are finally back to normal compared to last year when they had to hold two shifts and teachers sharing classrooms. "It

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Candidates appear before CEC for raffling of their slots

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Candidates for the Nov. 8 general election appeared yesterday before the Commonwealth Election Commission staff for the raffling of their slots in the ballots.

For Saipan, candidates for the Senate, House of Representatives, municipal council, and the Board of Education, participated in the raffle for slots held at the Pedro Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe from 9 to 10am.

Some candidates who did not make it to the drawing, sent their representatives. CEC staff, led by acting executive director Julita A. Villagomez,

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Maria Lourdes Ada, middle, and Janice Tenorio shake hands as they pick raffle numbers for their slots in the ballots for the Nov. 8 general election from Commonwealth Election Commission acting executive director Julita A. Villagomez at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe yesterday. Ada and Tenorio filed their candidacies for two Saipan Board of Education positions. Andrew Lujan Orsini and James M. Rayphand are the other candidates for the BOE Saipan seats.

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MVA to CPA: Do your part in promoting NMI

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The Marianas Visitors Authority is urging the Commonwealth Ports Authority to do its share in making tourist arriving and departing the CNMI would remember their stay here. The MVA has expressed concern on the status of the CNMI's airports since this is the first and last thing that the visitors will see.

MVA managing director Chris Concepcion said they have been doing their part to improve the experience and stay of visitors in the CNMI but CPA should also pitch in. "The MVA is mandated to market our destination as a unique paradise in the middle of the Pacific."

Concepcion

"So we need to ensure their expectations are met immediately upon arrival, during their stay here and at the end of their trip when they depart the CNMI. The responsibility of ensuring our airports are adequately maintained lies with the CPA as they own the airports," said Concepcion.

He added that the CNMI airports, especially the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, are the first and last thing tourists see when they arrive and leave the CNMI. The Tinian and Rota Airports and all seaports are also under CPA.

"The airports on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota are the first and last impression our visitors get when coming to and leaving the CNMI," said Concepcion, whose agency is expecting a further increase of tourist arrivals in the CNMI due to the planned additional non-stop flights to Saipan.

The Saipan International Airport, however, is in pretty bad shape as evident in the past few weeks and this is a major concern to the MVA. "The MVA is extremely concerned with the situation unfolding at the Saipan International Airport."

Early this month, the lights at runway 7/25, the Saipan airport's main landing strip, was not functioning at full capacity causing delays or cancellation of flights, while last week the conveyor belt broke down forcing airport personnel to manually bring bags and luggage off the plane.

Concepcion said these and a lot more are the issues facing CPA right now and they are hopeful that they would act on it immediately. "We strongly urge our partners at the CPA to act quickly to fix the many major issues that are confronting them right now."

He added that CPA should also act on the lack of check-in counter space for new airlines, the malfunctioning air-conditioner system, the terrible parking situation, and the overall upkeep and maintenance of the Saipan International Airport.

Concepcion has called on the current CPA leadership to find solutions on the Saipan International Airport's numerous problems. "The seeming lack of urgency on their part is alarming."

"The MVA will continue to offer our support wherever possible but we need to see some action now. We are hopeful our partners at the CPA are able to move forward quickly with some much needed improvements."

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The Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance welcomes Sweet Escape as a Major Sponsor of this year's Green Gala. Their generous contribution to MINA's Silent Auction gives Green Gala attendees to bid on an opportunity to receive a free cupcake a day for one whole year. The Green Gala, which will be held on Sept. 2, 2016, at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Hibiscus Hall, aims to raise critical funds to help MINA, a nonprofit organization, continue its work in protecting and conserving the environment. There are four categories of sponsorship (Emerald, Title, Major, and Event categories) that correspond to the value of companies' contribution. To become a sponsor of the event, contact Becky Furey at 233-REEF (7333), or email minaoutreach@gmail.com.

DYS working on new child abuse case protocols

The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs' Division of Youth Services is working with various agencies to clarify the proper standard procedures when it comes to dealing with child abuse cases, neglect cases, and juvenile probation cases.

DYS conducted a training to set such protocols last Aug. 9 with partner agencies Attorney General's Office, the Department of Public Safety, Department of Corrections, Domestic Violence Intervention Center, Karidat, and the Northern Marianas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence.

DYS administrator Vivian T. Sablan, in an email to *Saipan Tribune*, said a lot of thought has been put into child abuse cases, neglect cases, and juvenile probation cases because of the sensitivity of the situation.

She said there are cases where children answer back to parents with a disrespectful tone, while the parent, in an attempt to discipline the child, hits the child. Cases such as these were brought up during the meeting with other government agencies and whether it's proper to file the case under juvenile probation or child abuse.

Sablan said it is a given that these types of cases are connected to one another and this was discussed during the training session earlier this month.

"The overall objective was to provide clarification on protocol matters for DYS on child abuse and neglect cases and juvenile probation cases all whom DYS comes into contact with from the moment a report is taken," said Sablan.

Many points were tackled on the protocol training such as the notification of the DYS as soon as the DPS responds to child abuse and neglect cases, and the notification on needed forensic interviewing as DYS is the only agency that has trained forensic interviews. Sablan said the interagency meeting was a first and there would be many more to follow.

"This is the first official interagency meeting and subsequent meetings will be coordinated."

She added talks about the new standard procedures will definitely bring forth changes at DYS. "The discussions will also have a significant impact in the DYS SOP details, which was also the reason the DYS/DOC legal counsels were present," said Sablan. ***(Erwin Encinares)***

House passes bill to regulate manufacturing of lime

The House of Representatives last week passed a Senate bill to include lime under Pure Food and Drug Control Act, a policy move intended to regulate the manufacturing of lime, also known as afok or bweesch.

Senate Bill 19-97, authored by Sen. Teresita A. Santos (R-Rota), passed unanimously among all House members present during their session last Thursday.

Santos' bill defines afok or bweesch as a "substance created from burning limestone in rock form that transforms into powder form and can be mixed with a liquid to form slake lime mainly sold and used for the purpose of chewing betel nut." Afok is the Chamorro term for lime and bweesch is the Carolinian term.

The bill adds "afok or bweesch" a section in current law that prohibits a person from selling any food, drug, cosmetic, or device that is not represented by label.

For lime, the bill mandates that its label have the name of the manufacturing company, distributor, place of manufacture, ingredients, and a warning label that states: "This product may be linked to oral cancer," among other requirements.

Lime must be properly packaged in a container with an unbroken seal cover, per the bill.

The bill also requires those who manufacture, prepare, preserve, package, or store lime for sale to have a food handler certificate and a sanitary permit.

"The Commonwealth Legislature recognizes that the prevalence of oral cancer in the CNMI has increased substantially," Santos' bill states. "Although afok or bweesch may not have a direct link to oral cancer or other deadly diseases, the Commonwealth Legislature finds that there is a great need to protect the people until complete studies are done pertaining to afok or bweesch and its link to oral cancer." ***(Dennis B. Chan)***

House passes Senate bill to create fire lanes

The House of Representatives last week passed a Senate bill to establish designated fire lanes in the Commonwealth.

The bill, authored by Sen. Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan), cites the importance of providing unobstructed access to building or facilities to emergency vehicles and gives the commissioner of the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services the power to establish these lanes.

The bill sets fine for parking in a fire lane or failing to mark or maintain the mark of fire lane at not more than $150 per offense. Each day or part of a day during which the violation constitutes a separate offense.

In passing the bill last Thursday, the House tacked on one amendment, authored by Rep. George N. Camacho (R-Saipan), on a provision that establishes a "Fire Lane Revolving Fund" for fees and fines collected.

The amendment reads: "There is hereby established a Fire Lane Revolving Fund separate and apart from the general fund. The fines and fees collected pursuant to this chapter and any regulations promulgated by the Commissioner shall be deposited in the Fire Lane Revolving Fund; the funds shall be used for the purpose of establishing and maintaining fire lanes, the enforcement of this chapter and all operations and training of the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services. The funds shall not lapse and shall be available without fiscal year limitation. The commissioner shall be the expenditure authority of the Fire Lane Revolving Fund." ***(Dennis B. Chan)***

Taimano wants to fine jaywalking

Rep. Francis Taimanao (Ind-Saipan) has authored a bill to establish provisions on jaywalking, including making it unlawful for any pedestrian to cross any road at any point between adjacent intersections that are controlled by any traffic control signal device or police officer except in an officially designated cross walk.

Taimanao

A pedestrian who crosses a street outside a marked cross walk will be guilty of traffic infraction, per the bill, and will be fined $25 for the first offense, $50 for second offense, and $75 for the third or subsequent offense.

The bill creates a jaywalking special account for these fines to be expended by the Department of Public Works for the purposes of "promoting public safety," mandating that 30 percent of fines collected be used to fund repair and maintenance of crosswalks to include signage and markings.

"The Commonwealth community, in most cases tourists and residents alike, fail to comply with safety traffic rules most especially in heavy traffic areas. Currently there are no jaywalking penalties that would deter such action," Taimano writes in the bill's findings. "The Legislature is mindful of how important it is to support the tourism industry, however, lawmakers are also mindful of their promise to provide the highest quality of public safety." ***(Dennis B. Chan)***

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Monsoon flow to bring strong winds, showers

Persistent monsoon flow is expected to bring strong southwest winds and scattered showers and thunderstorms to the CNMI and Guam for the next few days, according to the U.S. National Weather Service Guam last night.

NWS said depending on how the monsoon flow develops, periods of heavy rainfall and flooding are possible later this week for the Marianas.

NWS said west swell of 9 to 10 feet and hazardous combined seas of 10 to 13 feet will persist in the Marianas waters the next several days.

High surf is also expected most of the week along west facing shores and at times along north and south facing shores as well.

NWS said the greatest threat from this monsoon weather comes from the marine conditions.

NWS advised the public not to venture into the coastal waters until hazardous seas and dangerous rip currents subside.

"Stay out of the surf and do not go out beyond the reef!" the weather agency said. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Torres back in Hawaii to observe live fire training

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres headed back to Hawaii yesterday to observe how the U.S. military conducts its live fire training. Torres, who just came back after the 902 talks also held in Hawaii, left at 4pm together with other CNMI officials.

The Tinian Legislative Delegation and Commonwealth Ports Authority board of directors will be joining Torres in the five-day trip after being invited by the U.S. Pacific Command to tour their live fire training ranges. The CNMI delegation will be in Hawaii from Aug. 16 to 20.

The CNMI delegation, however, did not travel as one group due to the availability of flights going to Hawaii.

Press secretary Ivan Blanco said the U.S. Department of Defense and the military wanted to show to the CNMI delegation what kind of artillery and other firearms are they going to use in the planned live fire training range in the island of Tinian.

The trip is separate from the 902 talks held last week with representatives from the Department of the Interior led by assistant secretary for Insular Affairs Esther Kia'aina.

Representatives from the Air Force, Army, Marine, and the Navy will also be present in the live fire training exercises.

The U.S. military, in the proposed project for Tinian, wants to have four range complexes inclusive of grenade, tank, pistol, and mortar activity. The project comes with roads, fuel pipelines and tanks, and wastewater facilities, among others, for this training. ***(Jon Perez)***

Person allegedly engaged in unlicensed money transmitting business arrested

Federal agents arrested on Friday a person who allegedly conducted an unlicensed money transmitting business involving at least $501,800.11 in U.S. currency on Saipan in 2014 to 2015.

Hong Mei Xu was served with an arrest warrant issued by U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona last Aug. 5.

Manglona issued the arrest warrant after a federal grand jury indicted Xu with one count of conducting an unlicensed money transmitting business.

The indictment was filed in court last Aug. 5, but the court sealed the case following the U.S. government's request.

In the U.S. government's motion to seal, assistant U.S. attorney Russell H. Lorfing disclosed that there is an ongoing investigation and that premature disclosure of the records may jeopardize that investigation.

With the arrest of Xu, the U.S. government moved to unseal the matter. The court granted the motion.

According to the indictment, beginning Nov. 22, 2014 and continuing until Aug. 3, 2015, Xu knowingly conducted an unlicensed money transmitting business that failed to comply with the money transmitting business registration requirements under the U.S. law.

Upon conviction of Xu for the offense, the prosecution seeks forfeiture to the U.S. government all property involved in the illegal money transmitting offense.

At least $501,800.11 in U.S. currency was involved in the illegal money transmitting offense, according to the indictment. The indictment did not include details how Xu operated the illegal transmitting business. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

FERDIE DE LA TORRE

The Toyota Yaris sedan with license plate ACN-390 sustained extensive damage to the right front passenger side door after colliding with a minivan at the accident-prone intersection near the Sugar King Park in Garapan yesterday afternoon.

TOURISTS

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When *Saipan Tribune* left the scene, traffic officers were still conducting investigation to determine who was at fault. Officers were interviewing Jun Young Park, the male driver of the Grand Tour minivan, and Marie Johnson, the driver of a white Toyota Yaris sedan with license plate ACN-390.

Park complained of pain on the shoulder. Johnson was not injured.

The minivan had extensive damage after it fell and flipped to its right side into the 3-foot deep by 5-foot wide ditch on the shoulder of Chalan Pale Arnold Road or Middle Road.

Saipan Tribune learned that the minivan, driven by Park, had 13 tourist passengers. The minivan was heading north toward Saipan Kensington Hotel in San Roque after the tourists had finished doing marine sports at a hotel's beach in Susupe.

The minivan collided with the Toyota Yaris, which crossed Chalan Pale Arnold Road from the corner of Kopa Di Oru Street coming from the Beach Road area. The collision caused the minivan to swerve to the shoulder of the road and fall into the ditch, located across Tropical Blendz.

Park and his 13 passengers managed to get out from the minivan through the driver's side door.

The car driven by Johnson continued to travel until it stopped on the shoulder of the road. The car's front right tire was already in the shallow part of the ditch. The car had extensive damage to the right front passenger side door.

According to Park, their minivan was heading north on their way to Kensington Hotel when the car coming from the intersection entered fast into the highway that resulted in the collision.

The teary-eyed Johnson refused to be interviewed by the media.

Last January, a car collided with a pickup truck at the same intersection, causing the male passenger of the truck's bed to be tossed into the air and landed on the pavement. He died after a few days in the hospital. The driver, a music teacher, was arrested but the government subsequently dismissed the traffic charges against him.

CANDIDATES

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also picked up the numbers for those who had no representatives.

For Tinian and Rota, candidates picked up their numbers before CEC staff and commissioners at the Gaming Commission's Office and Mayor's Office respectively.

"It ran very smooth. It's good," CEC chair Frances Sablan in an interview at the multi-purpose center.

Sablan said they were just basically pulling the candidates' positions for slots in the ballots.

Sablan said they will be certifying the candidacies tomorrow, Wednesday, at the commissioners' meeting at the multi-purpose center.

At the same time, the chair said, they will also be passing the layout of the ballots.

CEC yesterday also reminded the public that they will open, from 8am to 4pm, on Saturdays starting Aug. 20 for registration of voters.

The deadline is Sept. 9.

CEC will also entertain change of names and transfer to different precincts.

Voters are required to bring birth certificate or valid U.S. passport.

A total of 66 individuals are running for 36 seats out for grabs at the Nov. 8 election.

U.S. Delegate Gregorio "Kilili" Camacho Sablan (Ind-MP), who is seeking his fifth term in U.S. Congress, is running unopposed. First elected in 2008, Sablan became the first delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives from the CNMI.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho will also be in the ballot for his retention election on the bench.

GES

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was a big challenge for us last year after the typhoon."

"Teachers had to share rooms last year because of the damage brought by Typhoon Soudelor. We have to hold classes half day but now we're back to normal," Yumul said.

She added that with almost all the repairs done, all classes are all back to full schedule from 8am to 2:30pm with the teachers now back to their own classrooms.

Repairs of the damage at GES were a bit delayed with contractors having to wait for the building materials to arrive from off-island.

"Only a few more minor renovation and repair will be needed in some of our facilities. We expect all room repairs to be done within the week," she added.

Yumul said they had a smooth opening with all classes starting on time. "We're happy that we gained normalcy and we're looking forward to the new school year."

"The school buses arrived on time to drop off the kids in time for them to get their breakfast. The personnel at the canteen were in full force to hand out the snacks and other food items to the students," added Yumul.

All in all, she said, the first day of classes at GES had no problems. "There was no factor or cause of delay. We're lucky the weather cooperated and we did not experience strong rains or winds."

"We're excited to see our students, old and new, back at GES. Our teaching staff and other personnel are happy to welcome them again for another year of learning."

Tropical Storm Chanthu, which had been causing heavy rains the past few days, has moved away from Saipan, but a monsoon flow is expected to bring strong winds and scattered rain showers that may cause flooding in some areas.

Experience Brazalian barbecue at the Hyatt

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The "Churrasco-Brazalian Barbecue" buffet spread at Hyatt Regency Saipan's Kili Café & Terrace.

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Kili Café and Terrace brings "Churrasco-Brazalian Barbecue" on Aug. 20, 2016, 6:30pm at Kili Café & Terrace.

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Churrasco means barbecue in Brazil. According to Wikipedia, Churrasco uses a variety of meats—pork, sausage, and chicken—which may be cooked on a purpose-built churrasqueira, a barbecue grill, often with supports for spits or skewers. The meat may alternatively be cooked on large metal or wood skewers resting on a support or stuck into the ground and roasted with the embers of charcoal."

The Brazilian-inspired buffet dinner at Kili Café and Terrace will also include a salad bar and appetizers, hot entrees including braised kale with garlic chips, penne pasta, and roasted sweet potatoes.

It will also include wonderful desserts including the popular Spanish-influenced "Tres leche flan" topped with fresh local fruits; "Brigadeiro," a common Brazilian delicacy made from condensed milk, cocoa powder, butter and chocolate sprinkles to cover the outside layer; and "Cuscuz Branco" (white pudding), which is a traditional Brazilian white pudding made from coconut and tapioca. It is a decadent pudding with just the right amount of sweetness and a perfect texture.

Hyatt Regency Saipan Marketing Communications manager Maria Valentina Haberman said "the meals will be prepared by head chef de cuisine of Kili Café & Terrace, Inas Hocog. He was originally born on Rota, moved to the United States and learned about different kinds of cuisines such as Latin American, French, Western, etc. He recently moved back to Saipan, with the intent of staying for good."

Hocog, who was named after his grandfather Ignacio, said "I've had wonderful opportunities to study different types of cuisine around the world. And now, I've been called back home to share what I've learned through the years."

Hopefully what Hocog has done will inspire other local people to hone their skills and learn as much as they can abroad, but with the intent of coming back home and sharing what they have learned to the community. He has also tried his luck in opening a restaurant in San Diego, California called "Tio Chino," which is still operational today.

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Unforeseen circumstances cause delay of SSHS stage project

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Incidents beyond the control of contractors and personnel from H&H Construction pushed back the expected completion of Saipan Southern High School's stage, which was funded by Korean conglomerate E-Land Group. The stage was expected to be finished before the school opening.

But the unpredictable weather, with the monsoon season, caused delays in the construction. Heavy monsoon rains and the two tropical storms—Conson and Chanthu—brought heavy rain showers to Saipan the last two weeks.

Outgoing SSHS Parent-Teachers-Student-Association Glenna SP Reyes said, barring further rain delays, the realistic time of completing the project is the latter part of September. "There's still much work to complete the stage."

"The construction phase is at roof framing with some beams already in place. In assessing the progress late Saturday afternoon, I anticipate the project to be fully completed by the end of September. Provided that the current work progression stays on course," said Reyes.

She added that the construction of the framework of the stage's roof would take at least a week. "Before capping it with concrete slab and during the 14-day curing period, the workers will proceed with the roof system for the two restrooms."

Plumbing and electrical work, application of elastomeric coating on roof system, construction of walls on each side of the back end of the stage area and sidewalk around the stage facility, building the shower area in each restroom, installation of toilets and lavatory, plastering and painting, installing the tiles in each restroom and dressing room, and landscaping are the other things needed for the stage project.

The furnishings, which include installation of windows, doors, lighting fixtures, two air-conditioners, drinking water fountains, sun and rain blockers, and student lockers, would be put in place once the stage is done.

Reyes said the contractor, H&H Construction, has decided to barricade the site for the safety of the students and school personnel. "I have communicated with our principal, Ms. Martha Kintol, and teachers to notify the students to stay clear and away around the project site for their safety."

She added that she would endorse the project and would make a progress report to the incoming PTSA officers this month. "I will be reporting to the incoming PTSA officers on Aug. 25 to turn over the project for them to see through the completion of the stage facility and for its eventual turnover to [the Public School System]."

The delay in construction also postponed their final project, the two wooden canopies or *pala-pala* to complement the stage.

High surf advisory for west, south facing reefs

High surf advisory for west and south facing reefs remains in effect until Friday, while high surf advisory is no longer in effect along north facing reefs.

According to information received from the National Weather Service-Tiyan Guam and compiled at the CNMI Emergency Operations Center State Warning Point hazardous surf of 9 to 11 feet will persist through Wednesday along west facing reefs and surf will remain hazardous through at least Friday.

The high surf advisory, meanwhile, is no longer in effect along north facing reefs, as surf has fallen below hazardous levels to 6 to 8 feet. But surf may become hazardous again on Wednesday.

Along south facing reefs, surf will be hazardous up to 9 feet through at least Wednesday.

NWS said fresh to strong southwest winds and combined seas of 10 to 12 feet will persist the next few days. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are expected most of the week.

A small craft advisory also remains in effect until 7pm CHST Friday as southwest winds of 20 to 25 knots and combined seas of 10 to 12 feet will produce hazardous conditions for operators of small craft.

Acting governor Victor B. Hocog therefore is advising the general public and inexperience mariners—especially those operating smaller vessels—to avoid venturing near exposed reefs and beaches especially those facing south and west exposures as rip currents will be life-threatening. ***(PR)***

Weather forecaster shares tips in event of typhoon

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration forecaster Brandon Aydlett shared some tips on how to prepare for an imminent typhoon during SOU' Fest 2016, the first anniversary commemoration of Typhoon Soudelor held last Aug. 6 at the Marianas Business Plaza parking lot.

"Some of the things you can do to prepare is to fill your cars with fuel; obtain batteries, flashlights and battery operated radios; get enough fuel for lamps, stoves, and generators, and fill containers with several days [worth] of water," he said.

Aside from providing tips on how to be prepared for an incoming typhoon, Aydlett's group of NOAA forecasters also handed out brochures that listed the different types of typhoons.

Aydlett said Typhoon Soudelor was a category 4 typhoon.

According to the brochures given out by Aydlett and company, there are two different types of tropical storms—tropical storm category A and category B. Tropical storm category A is described as having waves inside bays that can reach 2 to 3 feet, while tropical storm category B is described as having waves inside bays that can reach 3 to 5 feet.

After tropical storm category A and B, the next typhoon intensity is typhoon category 1. This type of typhoon is like having waves inside bays that can reach 5 to 7 feet. The next one is typhoon category 2. This is described as having waves inside bays that can reach 7 to 10 feet.

Typhoon category 3 is described as waves inside bays that can reach 10 to 5 feet. Typhoon category 4, which Typhoon Soudelor was, is described as having waves inside bays that can reach 15 to 25 feet.

The final category is typhoon category 5. This is described as having waves inside bays that can reach 25 to 35 feet. ***(Joan Taitano)***

MEETING NOTICE

MARIANAS VISITORS AUTHORITY

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, the Marianas Visitors Authority, hereby gives notice that a **Regular Board of Directors Meeting** will be held on **Friday, August 19, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.** in the MVA Conference Room, San Jose Professional Building Saipan, MP 96950.

MEETING AGENDA

1) **Preliminary Matters**
   1. Call to Order
   2. Roll Call
   3. Adoption of Agenda
   4. Adoption of Minutes
      a. Regular Board Meeting – July 12, 2016
      b. Board Meeting – July 19, 2016
2) **Public Comments**
3) **Committee Reports**
   1. Finance
4) **New Business**
5) **Old Business**
   1. Ironman 70.3
6) **Miscellaneous/Announcements**
7) **Executive Session**
8) **Adjournment**

/s/ Marian Aldan-Pierce
Chair, MVA Board of Directors

Commonwealth Zoning Board Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, August 30, 2016
5:00 PM, Zoning Board Conference Room
2nd Fl., Joeten Dandan Commercial Building
Tel: 234-9661 ● Fax: 234-9666 ● www.zoning.gov.mp

A. Preliminary Matters
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of 8/11/2016 meeting minutes
5. Public Comments *(not related to files for discussion under item B. Public Hearings)*

B. Public Hearings

Conditional Use Application #2016-2665: Forson Holding (CNMI) LLC is proposing to renovate and utilize six (06) existing buildings for employee quarters with staff amenities. The applicant also proposes to fabricate and process building components in another existing warehouse. These uses are classified as "Institutional Residential" and "Manufacturing/Processing" respectively and are permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located in Tanapag on Lot 030 B 21. It is zoned as Mixed Commercial.

C. Communications

D. Old Business

1. Zoning Board Decision on **Conditional Use Application #2016-1360 (Amendment):** Castle Project (CNMI), LLC has proposed to amend its Conditional Use Permit to renovate and utilize an additional existing warehouse structure (Building E) formerly used by Top Fashion Factory for employee quarters. This use is classified as "Institutional Residential" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located in Tanapag on lots 030 B 15, 030 B 13, and 030 B 18. It is zoned as Mixed Commercial.

E. New Business

F. Executive (Closed) Session

G. Miscellaneous
a. Other Matters
b. Announcements
c. Next Meeting

H. Adjourn

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the Board meeting, or if you require assistance, please contact the Zoning Administrator, Therese T. Ogumoro, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & 10 CMC 3511, et seq.).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Zoning Board Chairman

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

for

Forson Holding (CNMI) LLC

The Public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. Forson Holding (CNMI) LLC is proposing to renovate and utilize six (06) existing buildings for employee quarters with staff amenities. The applicant also proposes to fabricate and process building components in another existing warehouse. These uses are classified as "Institutional Residential" and "Manufacturing/Processing" respectively and are permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located in Tanapag on Lot 030 B 21. It is zoned as Mixed Commercial.

Date: August 30, 2016
Time: 5:00 pm
Place: Zoning Board Conference Room, 2nd Fl.
Joeten Dandan Comm'l Bldg.

Comments on the proposal may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments may be submitted directly to the Zoning Office before 4:30 pm, August 29, 2016. Please send written comments via e-mail to Therese.Ogumoro@zoning.gov.mp, via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950, or deliver them to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, Dandan, Saipan.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the public hearing, or if you require assistance, please call 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq.) and the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013.

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Chairman

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Parks & Rec director joins PDM Promoters' monthly cleanup

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Members of the Saipan Awaodori Team pose for a group shot.

Division of Parks & Recreation director Eli Cabrera joined Paseo de Marianas Promoters' monthly volunteer cleanup last Saturday, Aug. 13.

PDM Promoters coordinator Sonia Siwa said the cleanup of Paseo de Marianas is in preparation for the 2nd Annual International Festival of Cultures which would be starting all Saturdays from Aug. 20 to Sept. 24.

A total of 30 volunteers took part in the cleanup, among them 22 members of the Saipan Awaodori Team and eight Kinpachi Restaurant staff.

The cleanup was done at Paseo de Marianas and covered nearby alleys, namely Coral Tree Avenue, American Memorial Park Road, Beach Road, and Winchells Road.

The cleanup group cut and trimmed plants while collecting trash along the roads from 9am to about 12pm. Altogether, the trash collected weighed 700 lbs.

The cleanup group would be cleaning every first or second Saturday of the month.

The 2nd Annual International Festival of Cultures would be held in Paseo de Marianas, Garapan, and would begin at 5pm and end at 10pm. The festival would be hosting live performances, cultural demonstrations, arts and crafts, and offer cultural food. ***(Erwin Encinares)***

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Two volunteers pick up trash in front of Garapan Square.

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A volunteer rakes up some leaves during last Saturday's cleanup of the Paseo de Marianas by PDM Promoters.

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Parks & Recreation director Eli Cabrera (Right, back row) poses with other volunteers that were present during PDM Promoters' monthly cleanup.

Hofschneider authors bill enabling CNMI to participate in WICHE student exchange

Sen. Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian) is set to introduce a bill to enable the CNMI to participate in the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education's Professional Student Exchange Program.

Senate Bill No. 19-109 or the "CNMI Professional Student Exchange Program Act of 2016" will enable the CNMI to participate in WICHE's PSEP which would encourage and enable aspiring students to attend any of 10 western states to enroll in selected out-of-state professional healthcare programs and pay reduced tuition rates. Hofschneider will introduce the bill in the next Senate session.

The CNMI is already currently a member of WICHE that enables graduate and undergraduate students to attend schools and pay discounted or resident tuition rates.

If signed into law, S.B. 19-109 will become the first CNMI legislation which would offer more opportunities for students who want to pursue a professional degree in healthcare fields such as dentistry, medicine, occupational therapy, optometry, osteopathic medicine, pharmacy, physical therapy, physician assistant, podiatry, and veterinary medicine through WICHE's Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP) as determined by the CNMI WICHE commissioners in collaboration with the CNMI Scholarship Office. ***(PR)***

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Sen. Jude U. Hofschneider signs Senate Bill No. 19-109 or the "CNMI Professional Student Exchange Program Act of 2016." He will introduce the bill in the next Senate session.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

VA Benefits outreach on Aug. 31

The U.S. Department of Veterans Benefits Administration (Non-health) will be conducting a Veterans Benefits Outreach this Aug. 31, 2016, from 9am to 3pm at the Saipan VA Outreach Clinic, MH II Bldg., Suite 206, Marina Heights Business Park in Garapan.

A VA Benefits counselor will be available to answer Benefits questions, and assist with the claim process.

Points of contact are Ruth Coleman at 322-0035 or Chris Duenas at 1-671-648-0090/93. ***(PR)***

Ordinance detonation in Marpi this Friday

The Department of Public Safety is notifying the public of an upcoming scheduled ordinance detonation scheduled for Friday, Aug. 19, 2016 at 1pm in Marpi.

DPS is advising all residents, workers, visitors, tour companies, and tour guides that Marpi will be closed on Aug. 19, 2016 at 11am, until the completion of the detonation.

Please make proper adjustments to your daily schedule on this date. Should you have any questions pertaining to this operation, please call Sgt. Anthony Macaranas, XRT Operational Supervisor, at 483-5818. ***(PR)***

Air Force to conduct training at FDM, W-517

ASAN, Guam—The Air Force will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla during the following dates and times:

- Aug. 17 from 7:45am to 10pm
- Aug. 18 from 3am to 7pm
- Aug. 19 from 8:45am to 4pm

The Air Force will also conduct training at Warning Area 517 (W-517) during the following dates and times:

- Aug. 15 and 16 from 9:30am to 9pm
- Aug. 17 from 9:45am to 5pm
- Aug. 18 from 9am to 5:30pm
- Aug. 19 from 9:45am to 10:30am

The general public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear of the areas during the dates and times indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be on a 10-nautical mile radius on all quadrants. Farallon de Medinilla plays a special and unique role in national defense because its location provides frequent access that supports established training requirements. In addition, the air and sea space in the Farallon, located in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, provide sufficient room to conduct the many training profiles required to support aircrew combat readiness requirements.

For more information, contact the Joint Region Marianas Public Affairs Office at (671) 349-4055/3209. ***(PR)***

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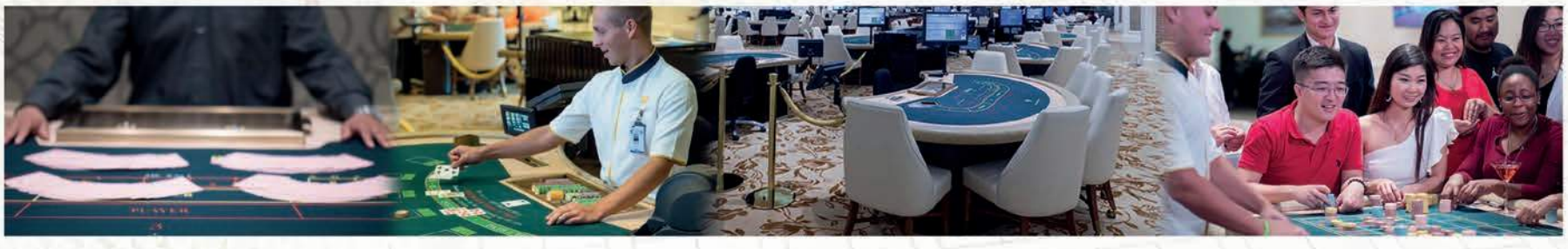

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EDITORIAL

The fall—and rise?—of moderate Republicans

Libertarianism has long been treated as a fringe ideology obsessed with the gold standard, legalization of hard drugs and "Atlas Shrugged." Ron Paul, who ran for president in the 2012 GOP primaries, was the archetype, calling for an end to Social Security and the Federal Reserve. But when Libertarian Party presidential nominee Gary Johnson extols fiscal responsibility and social tolerance, he brings to mind a different political tradition: that of moderate Republicans.

There was a time, not so long ago, when they dominated the GOP. Presidents Dwight Eisenhower, Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford and George H.W. Bush sprang from this wing of the party. So, arguably, did George W. Bush, along with nominees such as Bob Dole, John McCain and Mitt Romney.

But the party has moved steadily to the right recently. Rank-and-file GOP voters grew significantly more conservative in the first decade of this century. It's a measure of how conservative House Republicans have become that Speaker Paul Ryan, once a tea party hero, is now viewed with distrust by many in his caucus.

That growing tilt leaves an electoral opening for a candidate who thinks the government shouldn't meddle too much in either markets or morals. Hillary Clinton isn't interested in occupying it. So Johnson, who is averaging 9 percent support in the RealClearPolitics average of four-way polls that include him and Green Party nominee Jill Stein, has that niche to himself.

In Kansas, long solidly Republican, moderates are rebounding, thanks to the unpopularity of conservative Gov. Sam Brownback. In the Aug. 2 legislative primary, moderates defeated incumbent Brownback allies in more than a dozen races. U.S. Rep. Tim Huelskamp, a tea party stalwart, also got evicted.

Since 2012, the share of Republicans who say they are economically and socially conservative has shrunk from 57 percent to 42 percent. But the national party's message hasn't caught up with that trend.

If Trump loses—and particularly if he loses big—moderates may find themselves taken more seriously in Congress and the party. Many Republicans are probably already wondering how much brighter their electoral prospects would be with, say, John Kasich of Ohio atop the ballot in November.

Victories by senators who have clashed with Trump—such as Kelly Ayotte of New Hampshire, Rob Portman of Ohio, as well as Kirk and McCain—would give them more influence on the GOP's direction. A strong showing by Libertarian Johnson would encourage Republicans to adopt at least some of his ideas. And voter frustration with gridlock may aid lawmakers who don't treat compromise as a crime.

Pragmatic, centrist Republicans have largely vanished from the American political scene. But their absence leaves a vacuum that begs to be filled.

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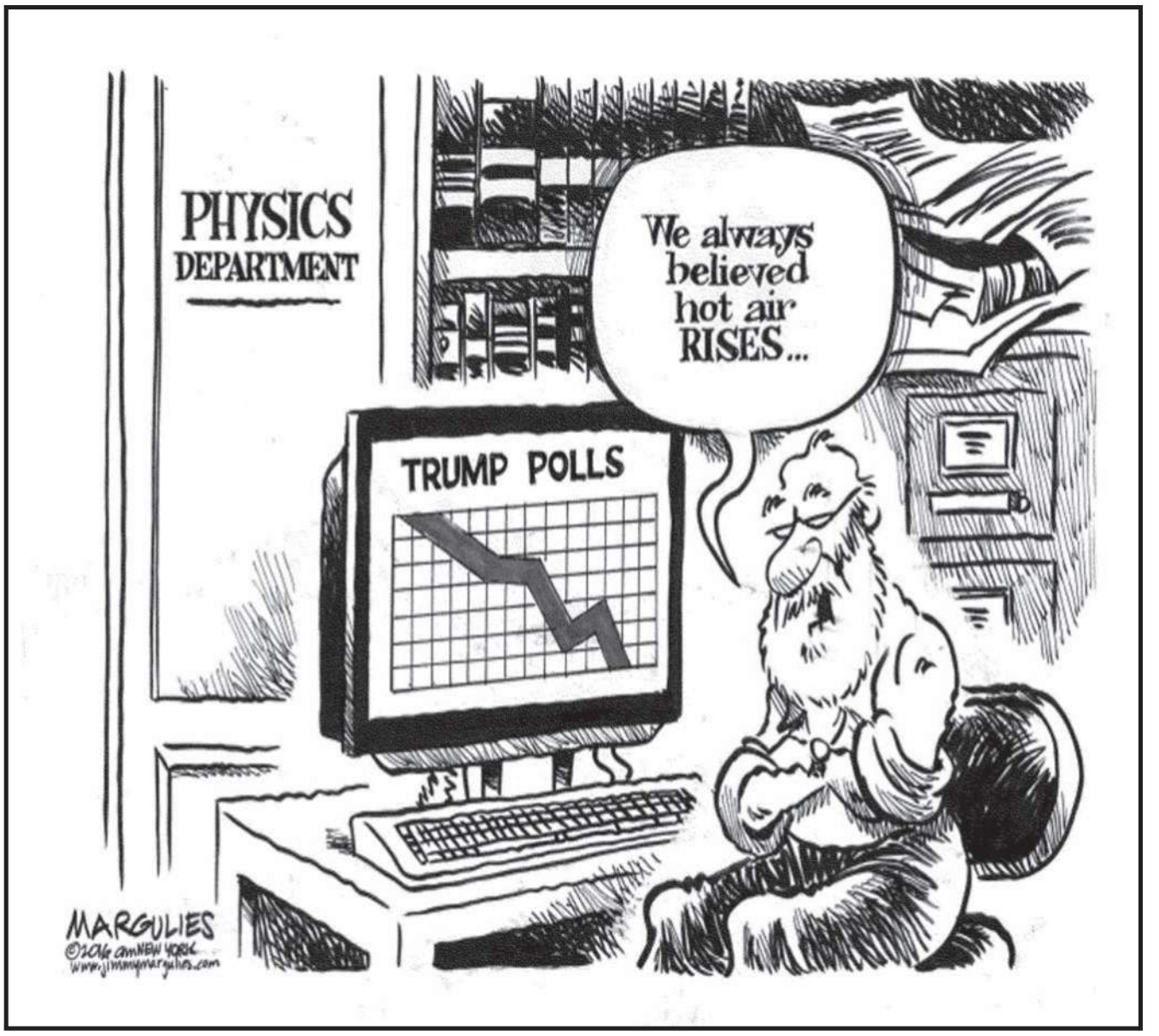

Trump has crossed line of decency

By CHRISTINE M. FLOWERS
Philadelphia Daily News

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I'm morbidly fascinated by the rhetorical mud being slung between Democrats and Republicans these days. How exhilarating to hear Hillary Clinton labeled "unstable" by Donald Trump, who is himself called "bat(bleep)-crazy" by a fellow billionaire and Hillaryite, Mark Cuban.

Breathtaking to hear the former secretary of state, who presided over the first massacre of a U.S. ambassador in 40 years, say, "It's not hard to imagine Donald Trump leading us into a war just because someone got under his very thin skin," then listen to a fervent Trumpeter named Alex Jones call Clinton and her husband "organized criminals … .and there's a lot of death around them."

Of course, depending upon whom you support, the other guy's rhetoric is slanderous (or, in Trump's case, terroristic threats and an invitation to assassination) while your team's comments are legitimate political discourse. I cannot tell you how many times I see otherwise intelligent individuals — at least they seemed that way before Mark Zuckerberg got to them — completely lose any sense of objectivity and become zombie-like cheerleaders for their standard-bearer.

That sickens me, people, and I'm sure I sicken you with my refusal to "make America great again" or be "with her." Those of us who agonize and refuse to pick a side are looked upon with disdain by both the jubilant folks shaking the shards of that shattered glass ceiling out of their hair, and the true "murricans" who think Hillary's Social Security number starts and ends with "666."

This week, though, I actually do need to take a side. It has nothing to do with whom will get my vote, because that has been changing positions as regularly as one of those balls that dance merrily over the Wimbledon net. This week, I need to peel back the layers of rhetoric and excuses about the "lesser of two evils" and focus deliberately and clinically on why Trump is a horror show of a human being.

And of course, here comes the disclaimer. I despise Clinton, whose character has been shown to be so low that it could slither under a pregnant ant and still leave space. She is a liar, who lies with expert calm and nonchalance, a woman who would not be able to pass a lie-detector test because she is too smart to convince herself that what comes out of her mouth is the truth.

She lies when she doesn't have to, as she does in the rare interviews she grants sycophantic journalists; she lies when cornered; she lies when she smiles and says she cares about our children (and the unborn ones shake their tiny, hidden heads); lies when she implies that it was a right-wing conspiracy that tainted her husband's legacy, and not his penis; lies when she says she wants to be my president.

She despises people like me, who see through her facade of empathy. The one thing she doesn't lie about is her ambition, which is impossible to dissimulate and hangs in the air before our eyes like a banner screaming, "I am Woman, Hear Me Roar!"

No, I do not like Hillary Rodham Clinton, and I do not respect her, and I will not welcome her into the White House. She's competent and qualified, but so is Elizabeth Warren, and so is Bernie Sanders, and so is Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and so was Teddy Kennedy, and they are all the antithesis of what I believe our country needs to remain strong and whole, honorable and viable.

That was the disclaimer. Now comes the point of this column, nearly 600 words in:

Donald Trump is a mediocre man, and he is someone who does not deserve, even as a default, to sit in the White House. It is long past the time to start talking about the Supreme Court and generations to come, and having a president who will sign legislation that a presumably Republican Congress would put in front of him.

People, think back to what this man suggested when he was talking about the Second Amendment. I know that the media have had a great tendency to blow Trump's comments out of

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Lessons for kids and adults on 'Sesame Street'

By NAOMI MOLAND
The Philadelphia Inquirer

Naomi A. Moland (naomi.moland@nyu.edu)

"Sesame Street" recently announced that it was dismissing three of its original cast members: Bob McGrath (Bob), Emilio Delgado (Luis), and Roscoe Orman (Gordon). After an outcry from longtime fans, the show reversed its decision, and will meet with the actors in September to continue their relationship.

Welcoming these characters back onto the "Street" is an excellent decision. The program has been undergoing many changes, adapting to the needs of today's children. New episodes are shorter, include more animation and are targeted to younger audiences than before. But Bob, Luis and Gordon provide one lesson that is as important today as when the program began in 1969: racial integration.

Bob (white), Luis (Latino) and Gordon (African-American) model for children how neighbors interact in a racially integrated neighborhood. They are friends with each other, and kindly father figures for everyone — be they orange or blue, child or monster, giant bird or grouch.

"Sesame Street's" model of showcasing diverse characters has been exported around the world. More than 30 versions of "Sesame Street" exist, and they are broadcast in over 150 countries. I spent nine months in Nigeria studying its version of "Sesame Street," called "Sesame Square," and how it represents diversity. "Sesame Square" shows Muslim and Christian children going to school together — a radical statement in a nation where the extremist group Boko Haram, whose name means "Western Education is Forbidden," has bombed schools, killed teachers and kidnapped thousands of students.

Having an integrated cast was also radical when "Sesame Street" first aired in 1969. So radical, in fact, that the Mississippi State Commission for Educational Television banned the program because it did not believe viewers were ready for episodes showing African-American, Latino and white children playing together.

Our nation still struggles with race relations — albeit in new forms. Many neighborhoods are still alarmingly segregated, and the widening income gap post-recession means that poverty (often connected to race) becomes concentrated in neighborhoods, reinstating racial segregation. Media images of blacks and Latinos — especially men — continue to reproduce negative, violent stereotypes.

Meanwhile, children's television has become somewhat more diverse, but still does not reflect the nation's racial composition. "Sesame Street" has been a trendsetter in celebrating racial integration, and its multicolored Muppets have always represented the rainbow of American diversity.

But research conducted by Sesame Workshop shows that while the purple, orang, and green characters may provide helpful metaphors for human diversity, young children need more explicit messages. For a young child's literal brain, the lesson that an orange and a green monster can be friends means that an orange and a green monster can be friends — and nothing more. Children are unlikely to apply this message to other situations of diversity.

Based on this research, Sesame Workshop then tested segments wherein a white child visited her African-American friend's house, and vice versa. The positive effects were higher: in posttests, most children who had seen the segments expressed wanting to have a friend who was "different" from them. For this reason, it is essential to continue showing diverse human characters on "Sesame Street."

I am not suggesting that "Sesame Street" decided to release Bob, Gordon and Luis because of any reasons related to cast diversity. Their reasons have been unclear, apart from a statement saying that "we are constantly evolving our content and our curriculum, and hence, our characters."

And "Sesame Street" must evolve in order to survive. Children are different — and watch television differently — than they did 50 years ago. Fans cried that the program "sold out" when it moved to HBO, but the new arrangement means "Sesame Street" can produce hundreds of more episodes, which will be available nine months later on PBS.

The characters have evolved, too. Research suggests that "green vegetable shows" — TV that is good for you, and teaches about healthy food, academic skills and diversity — doesn't sell. What sells? Princesses! So the pink and frilly Muppet Abby Cadabby arrived on "Sesame Street," and brings viewers along with her to Flying Fairy School.

But as the program evolves, it must hang on to its core value of highlighting interaction between diverse human characters. Bob, Luis and Gordon can continue to model intergroup interaction, along with the Catholic and Protestant characters on the Northern Ireland version ("Sesame Tree"), the Israeli and Palestinian characters in Israel and Palestine ("Rechov Sumsum"/"Shara'a Simsim"), and the Moroccan and Spanish characters in Spain ("Barrio Sesamo"). Kids need these diverse role models as much as ever.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Just exercising my right

Greetings to you and some if not all who enjoy reading and or post articles from citizens such as I and others alike. Allow me or not, to kind of justify what I would say be an idea, expression, and/or belief. I will try to make it as short as possible so as not to either bore you and some if not all who read this.

This is in reference to my last article on my labeling our government officials as government litters (leaders). Yes, maybe some if not all might have agreed totally with me. Some might have some mean thoughts and or expressions about me, its okay for me and maybe some if not all who understood what was being stated or in other words expressed. And to further express my idea and or belief, each, and everyone—be it a man, woman, and/or a child, have been afforded some if not many, basic human rights.

Whether it be the right to choose what makes one want to be happy, the right to pursue what makes one want to succeed, or the right to belief in what one wants to believe. In a way of me saying, for those who say or think I was being disrespectful and or being a smart ass, hey that is your thought or expression. But on the other hand, know that maybe some if not all would agree with me that I could also think or say the same. In a simple way to put it, I am just simply exercising my CNMI Constitutional right to freedom of religion, speech, press and assembly under Article I, Section 2, courtesy of the many if not all who call the CNMI their birth home.

Luciano M. Rangamar
Eatonvile, Washington

United for Tinian and the CNMI

For the first time in history our leaders are actually working together. For so many years the Tinian Legislature Delegation and the governor kept on fighting that made the people suffer until the end of their term and then the fight continues again until it shuts down or we go under continued resolution, because they are busy fighting with either personal or political agendas.

These leaders now are the most qualified candidates who we need to reelect. Working as a team to make ends meet through this tough time when our casino has shut down. Thank you Republican Party and thank former independent party for working together as a team. And I really appreciated the incumbent council members and Congressman Edwin Aldan for uniting with the Republican Party to run for re-election this November.

Families and friends I just want to share the history of the many elections that we all struggle to vote for the right people. In the beginning we said vote for the college-educated people. We did that already, and what happened? They were useless, why majority rules. We try voting for unity, remember united we stand divided we fall. Again it was useless, why because they were united on Tinian, but not with the CNMI as a whole. Now these candidates are united as the CNMI keeps their promise to work together for Tinian and the CNMI, not for party only but to do the job they were voted for. United from the municipal council all the way up to governor. Believe me I wasted so much time complaining until a relative adviced me to go and seek the assistance that I'm looking for. Guess what? I was welcome with an open door as every politicians would do. So friends and families, our economy is at it's low peak due what happened to our casino industry, stop the greed for power and let's join them in finding the solution to improve our economy by joining us in this hard times and re-elect all the Republican candidates because for the first time things are moving forward. Retirees are still receiving their full paychecks, no lay offs, no hours cut, and many of you out there are very fortunate for the continued supplemental assistance that you are receiving every month. What more can you ask?

Believe me, even the governor has an open-door policy. It's your loss if you don't go visit him and share your concern. I'm going to visit him soon, because I want to thank him for the hard work and dedication he made to try and get things done.

I have not been to Saipan lately, but I'm sure things are getting better even after the disaster of Typhoon Soudelor. I heard revenue is going up and many things are going back up to their feet. So people of Saipan, please re-elect all the incumbent for they are really working together for the first time. t is really hard to elect the right leaders, and because of that it is important to make the right choice. Vote Republican and those that working as team for Saipan and CNMI as a whole.

The economy is growing and we need people who are really working to fix things. Enough of those leaders who like to waste time and money for power. Give the governor the people he needs. And you are all welcome to visit him anytime you need help for their services. Government service ha, not personal, cause that's illegal.

Winifreda Atalig
Via email

TRUMP

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proportion, and the dust-up about Megyn Kelly's blood and the cruel comments about Muslim terrorists and Mexican rapists can, if we are pushed to the wall, be swallowed like bitter bile and then forgotten as we set our eyes on the prize.

I truly do believe that Trump does not understand the consequences of his words, and that his brain is not fully engaged before he opens his mouth. This is the thing that has enchanted so many of those who were tired of the "establishment" and encourages them to circle the protective wagons when he's criticized.

But, my friends, you cannot circle the wagons when your candidate, inadvertently as I believe it to have been, makes reference to a final solution for addressing gun-control differences. I watched as that blond twit on CNN who thinks she's clever and regurgitates Trump talking points every night actually tried to excuse his Second Amendment comments as being misunderstood. Here are the words he spoke: "If she gets to pick her judges, nothing you can do, folks … Although the Second Amendment people — maybe there is, I don't know."

No thinking human being can misunderstand that. Trump tried to say he was inviting people to vote as a bloc against Clinton, but the only way she gets to pick a judge, presumably for the Supreme Court, is if she already is president. So voting will be irrelevant at that point.

At this point, I suppose it's too much to change the hearts and minds of those who are in the Never Hillary camp. I wouldn't want to. In fact, I'd be sick at the thought that anything I said would persuade someone to vote for her.

All I ask is that you supporters of "The Donald" stop dipping your brains in formaldehyde and acknowledge that the candidate has crossed the line of decency. Hold him up to judgment. Make him accountable for his thoughtless, reckless, supremely unpresidential words. Don't act like the robotic prostitutes on cable television who excuse his failings. This time, he's gone too far.

And if you don't acknowledge it, so have you.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY
Mostly cloudy and breezy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Southwest winds 20 to 25 mph.
▲85° ▼75°

WEDNESDAY
Mostly cloudy and breezy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Southwest winds 20 to 25 mph.
▲85° ▼75°

THURSDAY
Mostly cloudy and breezy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.
▲88° ▼78°

FRIDAY
Mostly cloudy and breezy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.
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SATURDAY
Mostly cloudy and breezy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.
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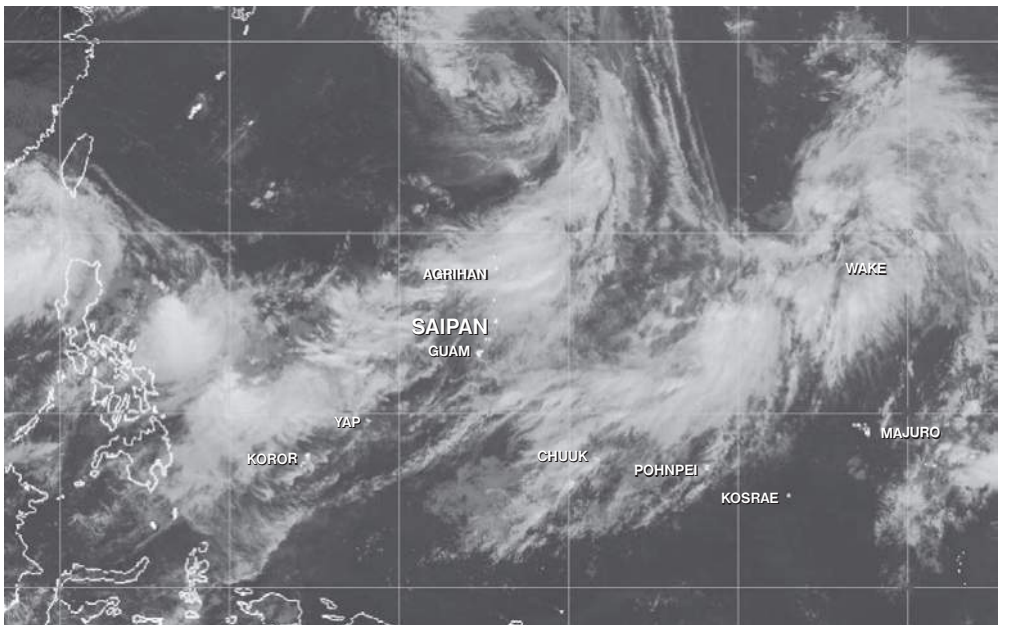
YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 11:26 AM, MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2016
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Satellite and radar both show that the earlier showers have dried up, and the morning sounding shows a subsidence inversion at about 960 mb, with a relatively dry layer in which the relative humidity is below 70 pct up to just above 700 mb. This is a common occurrence when a large area of convection dissipates: subsidence and drying set in below a stratified mid-level cloud deck–at about 15,000 ft today–and lower clouds almost disappear. After several hours of mixing and low-level heating, the layer should rehumidify and destabilize by late afternoon or evening, when scattered showers and thunderstorms should redevelop. As a result, have updated to keep showers isolated at best for the afternoon.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▼ ▲
Guam and Rota	Strong thunderstorms	78 / 83 °F
Palau	Afternoon clouds	80 / 86 °F
Yap	Thunderstorms	80 / 87 °F
Chuuk	Cloudy	80 / 83 °F
Pohnpei	Partly cloudy	76 / 89 °F
Kosrae	Partly cloudy	79 / 87 °F
Majuro	Partly sunny	81 / 86 °F

AROUND THE GLOBE		▼ ▲
Auckland	High level clouds	42 / 57 °F
Beijing	Morning clouds	65 / 87 °F
Hong Kong	Heavy rain	78 / 86 °F
Honolulu	Partly cloudy	72 / 83 °F
London	High level clouds	56 / 72 °F
Los Angeles	Sunny	66 / 91 °F
Manila	Heavy rain	80 / 83 °F
Melbourne	Mostly sunny	50 / 63 °F
Miami	Partly sunny	82 / 88 °F
New York	Partly sunny	78 / 87 °F
Osaka	Heavy rain	76 / 91 °F
Paris	Mostly sunny	62 / 86 °F
Pusan	Thunderstorms	78 / 86 °F
Rome	Sunny	62 / 88 °F
Salem	Mostly sunny	58 / 88 °F
San Francisco	Morning clouds	55 / 69 °F
Seoul	Morning clouds	74 / 89 °F
Tokyo	Cloudy	78 / 87 °F
Washington, DC	Partly sunny	76 / 94 °F

NMI CRIME STOPPERS
Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:
- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		
5:07 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.82 Feet
12:25 PM	LOW TIDE	-0.15 Feet
7:15 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.8 Feet
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SUNRISE / SUNSET		
Today	6:03 AM	6:40 PM
Wednesday	6:03 AM	6:39 PM
Thursday	6:03 AM	6:39 PM
Friday	6:03 AM	6:38 PM
Saturday	6:03 AM	6:37 PM

MOONRISE / MOONSET		
Today	4:50 PM	3:42 AM
Wednesday	5:41 PM	4:37 AM
Thursday	6:30 PM	5:34 AM
Friday	7:18 PM	6:31 AM
Saturday	8:06 PM	7:29 AM

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF AUGUST 10, 2016

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA2924	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA2922	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA2921	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA2920	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA2928	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA2926	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA2921	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA2921	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL297	4:20pm	7:00pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily
LJ652	2:10pm	6:05pm	Daily
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily
OZ6063	5:15pm	8:35pm	4, 7

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA2924/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA2924/PR111	4:15am	9:15am	Daily via GUM
PR1572	4:35am	6:45am	1, 4
UA2921/183	1:30pm	8:50pm	5 via Rota-GUM
UA2921/183	1:30pm	9:10pm	1, 4, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA2921/193	1:30pm	10:35pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR
UA2920/183	2:20pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM
UA2920/183	2:20pm	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA2920/193	2:20pm	10:35pm	2 via GUM-ROR

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

HX077	2:00am	5:00am	1, 4
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA2921/159	1:30pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA2920/159	2:20pm	9:55pm	3, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA2923	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA2925	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA2921	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA2920	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA2927	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA2929	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA2920	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA2920	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

LJ651	7:30am	1:10pm	Daily
7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
OZ6053	10:35am	4:05pm	4, 7
OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA190/2927	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
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PR1571	9:20pm	3:35am+1	3, 7
UA192/2925	9:45pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
PR110/UA2925	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA184/2925	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/2925	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
HX076	5:30pm	12:30am+1	3, 7
UA116/2925	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju Air; HX: Hong Kong Airlines; LJ: Jin Air; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure;ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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TINIAN TO SAIPAN

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SAIPAN TO TINIAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
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SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

BSI-CSR, public schools prepare for school opening

Public schools on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota opened School Year 2016-2017 yesterday to thousands of returning and new public elementary, middle, and high schools, and the Corporate Social Responsibility department of Best Sunshine International, Ltd. successfully partnered with various public schools on Saipan for its School Pride Project. ***(PR)***

In all corners of WSR Elementary School, the BSI-CSR team can be seen hard at work.

BSI-CSR representatives Jay Aldan, Mike Iguel, Scott Leon Guerrero, and Fuji Suel gear up before assisting at Oleai Elementary School.

The BSI-CSR team ensures that public school students are greeted with a clean Oleai Elementary School.

The BSI-CSR team cleans the hallways of Oleai Elementary School.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

The Best Sunshine International, Ltd. Corporate Social Responsibility team assisted at William S. Reyes Elementary School.

The BSI-CSR team came in full force in ensuring that WSR Elementary School has clean surroundings.

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Strategic Prevention Framework Partnerships For Success

Public Service Announcement - Availability of Federal Funds

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation: Community Guidance Center's Prevention Services Unit is pleased to announce the availability of federal funds, through the Strategic Prevention Framework Partnerships For Success (SPF PFS) grant for eligible communities in the CNMI to apply. This project is funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

Details of the grant and funds available are listed below.

I. **Strategic Prevention Framework Partnerships For Success (SPF PFS): FY2017 $425,000**
(Each applicant is able to apply for a sub grant award of up to, and not to exceed, $100,000)

The planning and implementation of this grant award will focus on four primary goals:

1. **Prevent or reduce consequences of underage drinking and adult problem drinking and drinking and driving with emphasis in persons ages 12-20**
2. **Reduce prescription drug misuse and abuse with emphasis on persons ages 12-25**
3. **Collaborate with other behavioral health prevention areas utilizing the Strategic Prevention Framework**
4. **Evaluate all activities**

The SPF PFS provides awarded communities with the opportunity to build and/or strengthen an effective and sustainable evidence-based prevention program that is responsive to the needs of the CNMI community. Community programs are required to implement evidence-based prevention programs focused on the following priorities that have been determined by Community Guidance Center's Prevention Services Unit:

1) **Underage Drinking and/or**
2) **Prescription Drug Misuse and Abuse**

This grant award requires a Strategic Prevention Framework to help guide communities toward successful program management process following the five steps below:
1) Assessment: Accurately assess community problems, assets, and resources;
2) Capacity: Describe current capacity and/or plans to build capacity;
3) Planning: Develop a comprehensive Strategic Plan;
4) Implement: Identify the evidence-based program, policy, or practice to be implemented;
5) Evaluate: Process and impact evaluation through monitoring and documentation of program implementation.

In order to be eligible to apply, applicants must have been previously funded by the Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG) for at least two years or more, have not been defunded as a SPF SIG sub grant recipient, AND required to implement an evidence-based curriculum.

The Project Director will make the final recommendation in consultation and collaboration with the CGC Director on applications based off of proficiency areas aimed at sustaining substance abuse prevention outcomes. The grant application guidelines detail the information required.

All completed applications must be submitted to the CHCC: CGC Prevention Services Unit office on Saipan and the CGC personnel on Tinian and Rota no later than 3:30 p.m. on September 12, 2016.

Sub-Grant Application forms and guidelines may be obtained at the Prevention Services Unit Office at the CHCC: CGC on Gloria Drive, Navy Hill or the Substance Abuse Prevention offices on Rota and Tinian. For more information, please contact Mr. Christopher Maratita, Project Coordinator at 323-6560 or maratita89@gmail.com (Saipan); Mr. Keith Nabors, Prevention Coordinator (Tinian) at 433-6572 or tiniantyphoon@hotmail.com ; or Ms. Benedicta San Nicolas, Behavioral Health Coordinator (Rota) at 532-9461 or benedicta.sannicolas@gmail.com.

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CEO, CHCC

/s/Nadine H. Sablan
CGC Director

Episcopal Ordination and Installation of Bishop Ryan P. Jimenez

PHOTOS By JON PEREZ

Most Rev. Savio Tai-Fai Hon, SDB, seated center, prepares to pour holy oil on Most Rev. Ryan P. Jimenez's head in his Episcopal Ordination and Installation as the new Bishop of the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa at the Mt. Carmel Church.

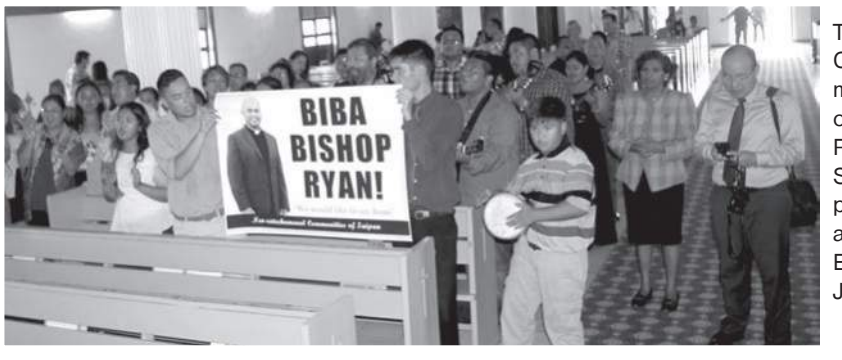
Bishop Ryan P. Jimenez, center, with his family.

Members of the choir that sang in the ceremony.

Bishop Ryan P. Jimenez, right, raises the chalice in the concelebrated mass with Archbishop Savio Tai-Fai Hon.

From left, Dumaguete Bishop Most Rev. Julito B. Cortes, Cebu Archbishop Most Rev. Jose Palma, and Fiji Archbishop Most Rev. Peter Choy Long during the entrance procession.

Bishop Ryan P. Jimenez, back center, joins the visiting clergy from the Archdioceses of Agana, Manila, Capiz, and Cebu, and the Dioceses of the Caroline Islands, Dumaguete, Laog, San Jose and San Francisco in California, and members of the Society of Jesus and Augustinian Recollects.



The Neo Catechumenical Way of the Santa Remedios and San Vicente parishes offer a song to Bishop Ryan P. Jimenez.

Bishop Ryan P. Jimenez, left, greets Palau President Tommy Remengasau.

Bishop Ryan P. Jimenez, fourth left, with, from left, Chief Justice Alexandro Castro, first lady Diann Torres, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog and family, Palau President Tommy Remengasau, and Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang.

Most Rev. Savio Tai-Fai Hon, left, the Secretary for the Congregation of the Evangelization of Peoples and Apostolic Administrator of the Archdiocese of Agana.

Business

Japan's economy slows to snail's pace as exports falter

TOKYO (AP)—Japan's economy barely grew in the April-June quarter, as weaker exports and business investment weighed on the faltering recovery.

Growth for the world's third-largest economy was flat on a quarterly basis, adding to pressure on the Bank of Japan to take further action to stimulate slack corporate spending.

The economy expanded at a 0.2 percent annual pace in the last quarter, compared with a revised 0.8 percent rate in January-March period.

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In this June 8, 2016 photo, a shopper buys a product at a dry seafood shop in Tokyo. Japan's economy grew at a slower than forecast 0.2 percent annual rate in the April-June quarter, as the recovery was sapped by weaker exports and business investment, the government said Monday, Aug. 15, 2016.

Economists had forecast that it would maintain or even slightly better that pace in April-June. But private demand, which accounts for nearly two-thirds of business activity, rose only 0.2 percent.

Moving to salvage his "Abenomics" strategy for fighting stagnation, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe recently proposed 28 trillion yen ($267 billion) in spending initiatives meant to get consumers and businesses to spend more and support the recovery.

The Bank of Japan also recently announced it would modestly increase its asset purchases from financial institutions to help inject more cash into the world's third-largest economy and pursue its 2 percent inflation target.

It also plans a "comprehensive assessment" of the impact of the bank's monetary easing on the economy, citing "considerable uncertainty" over the outlook for prices and global markets.

A recent strengthening in the value of the Japanese yen, and weaker oil prices, have slowed progress toward the inflation target set by Abe and the central bank.

In February, the central bank began charging retail banks on excess reserves, implementing a negative interest policy in its quest to get lenders to put money to use.

That policy has helped spur a flurry of refinancing and could support demand through new housing investment. Residential investment was relatively strong in the last quarter, rising 5 percent from a year earlier.

However, corporate investment fell 0.4 percent. And consumer spending inched up 0.4 percent, despite a 2.5 percent increase in incomes.

Still, the improvement in household incomes offers some hope, Masamichi Adachi of JP Morgan said in a research note.

"While the softer-than-expected 2Q outcome was somewhat disappointing, we think that consumption momentum remains positive," he said.

Sometimes the only solution is a new job

YOUR OFFICE COACH

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Q: My manager doesn't like dealing with people. "Karen" usually asks me to handle any matters involving the staff or other departments, while she spends her time working on the computer. She also has me rewrite her emails because she has a history of getting into conflicts.

Although my official job title is assistant manager, I have many duties that are not management-related. Whenever I propose delegating certain tasks to the staff, Karen says the staff members are too stupid to be trusted. As a result, I'm stuck doing a lot of work that should really belong to other employees or my boss.

To make it worse, my pay is based on a job description that does not reflect the management duties I've been given. When I asked human resources to review my position, I was told that despite my title, I am not considered a manager because I don't do performance reviews. They suggested that I should just refuse to do Karen's tasks.

I can't seem to find a solution to this problem. Our higher-level manager never intervenes in department issues, so he won't be any help. Human resources is obviously useless. Karen says she would be lost without me, so I can't abandon her. What should I do?

A: To sum things up, you have an immediate supervisor who shuns human interaction and insults her staff, a senior manager who refuses to manage and an HR department that advises you to blatantly defy your boss. It's no wonder you're feeling hopeless, because that is one screwed-up organization.

Since you can't fix this dysfunctional management culture, it's time to reconsider your reluctance to "abandon" your boss. Karen is a grown woman whose problems are clearly of her own making, so you have absolutely no obligation to save her from herself. Instead, you need to save your own career by getting out of this crazy place.

Q: One of my co-workers is constantly asking me for advice. For example, "Brad" might want me to review a report or give my opinion about a project plan. Although Brad earns twice what I do, he seems unable to operate independently. I've tried to be helpful, but his questions take up a lot of time. What can I do about this?

A: Your pesky colleague continues to ask questions because you keep giving him answers. If you want Brad to become more self-sufficient, then you must stop rewarding his needy behavior. Although you don't have to be rude, you do need to be consistently non-responsive.

In the future, when Brad asks for assistance, be prepared to offer some standard discouraging replies. Examples might include "I'm sorry, but I really don't have time to talk right now," or, "That's probably a question for your manager," or, "I don't think this is something I can help with."

To avoid seeming harsh, always remember to deliver these comments with a friendly smile. If you keep this up and avoid offering any advice, eventually Brad will find a new security blanket.

Russian man faces US trial in lucrative hacking scheme

SEATTLE (AP)—Prosecutors describe Roman Seleznev, the son of a Russian lawmaker, as a master hacker who orchestrated an international scheme that resulted in about $170 million in fraudulent credit card purchases.

In a federal jury trial that begins this week, they plan to lay out evidence that they say will prove Seleznev hacked into U.S. businesses, mostly pizza restaurants in Washington state, and stole credit card information. They claim he made millions by selling that data on underground internet forums.

Seleznev's lawyers plan to argue that prosecutors have failed to adequately connect Seleznev with the computer hacks that hit more than 200 businesses over several years. They have also said the U.S. Secret Service agents who arrested Seleznev mishandled his laptop, which may have compromised some evidence.

Seleznev faces a 40-count indictment that charges him with running a hacking scheme from 2008 until his arrest in the Maldives in July 2014.

Steve Bussing, owner of Red Pepper Pizza in Duvall, northeast of Seattle, told The Associated Press on Friday that he and his wife had to spend about $10,000 installing a new computer system after they learned theirs was compromised by a hacker.

"It was a huge expense" for a small business, he said, adding that the process disrupted their business as they shut down and reinstalled a new security system to protect their customers.

Bussing, along with owners and managers from Mad Pizza, ZPizza, Grand Central Bakery, Village Pizza, and Casa Mia were included on the prosecutor's witness list and were expected to testify about the effect of the hacking on their companies.

Secret Service agents captured Seleznev as he and his girlfriend arrived at the airport on their way back to Russia. The agents flew him by private jet to Guam, where he made his first court appearance, and then to Seattle, where he is in federal custody.

Seleznev was indicted on 29 felony charges in 2011, but a month later, Seleznev suffered a brain injury in a terrorist bombing in a cafe in Morocco. He was in a coma for two weeks and underwent a series of operations, according to one of his previous lawyers.

He bears a sickle-shaped, horizontal scar on the side of his head that is visible when his hair is cut short. He speaks little English and participates in court hearings with the help of a Russian interpreter.

His father, Valery Seleznev, is a member of the Russian Parliament.

Federal prosecutors have called Roman Seleznev a "leader in the marketplace for stolen credit card numbers," and they said he collected millions of dollars selling that data to his co-conspirators.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

VW: Fix gets OK for 460K more cars with cheating software

BERLIN (AP)—German automaker Volkswagen says it's received approval from the country's motor vehicle authority for technical fixes for another 460,000 cars equipped with software to help them cheat emissions tests. Volkswagen said in a statement Sunday that the Federal Motor Transport Authority had approved the fix for vehicles with the 1.2-liter EA189 TDI diesel engine, including the smaller Polo and SEAT Ibiza models. VW says owners will be informed individually and given appointments at authorized workshops. VW's fix for larger 2.0-liter TDI engines has already been approved and the company has been working on implementing that since the start of the year. In all, some 11 million cars were sold with the software worldwide.

RBS chief says bank would move HQ from independent Scotland

LONDON (AP)—The chief executive of Royal Bank of Scotland says the company will move its headquarters out of Scotland if the country votes for independence. RBS said before Scotland's 2014 independence referendum that it would leave in the event of independence. CEO Ross McEwan says Britain's June 23 vote to leave the European Union had not changed that. He told the BBC on Sunday the bank "would just be too big for the economy" of Scotland, which has a population of about 5 million. But he said there would not be big job losses among the 12,000 RBS employees in Scotland. While Britons overall voted 52-48 to leave the EU, Scots strongly backed staying in. Scottish First Minister Nicola Sturgeon says that makes a second independence referendum "highly likely."

Nation

Trump to propose political tests for immigrants

JERSEY CITY, N.J. (AP)—Donald Trump will declare an end to nation building if elected president, replacing it with what aides described as "foreign policy realism" focused on destroying the Islamic State group and other terrorist organizations.

In a speech the Republican presidential nominee will deliver on Monday in Ohio, Trump will argue that the country needs to work with anyone that shares that mission, regardless of other ideological and strategic disagreements. Any country that wants to work with the U.S. to defeat "radical Islamic terrorism" will be a U.S. ally, he is expected to say.

"Mr. Trump's speech will explain that while we can't choose our friends, we must always recognize our enemies," Trump senior policy adviser Stephen Miller said Sunday.

On the eve of the speech, the Clinton campaign slammed Trump's campaign manager for ties to Russia and pro-Kremlin interests, an apparent reference to a New York Times story published Sunday night. The story alleges Paul Manafort received $12.7 million from Ukraine's former pro-Russia president and his political party for consultant work over a five-year period. The newspaper says Manafort's lawyer denied his client received any such payments.

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In this photo taken July 1, 2016, Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump speaks in Denver. As he turns his attention to the general election, Donald Trump is signaling that he is ready to tone down his fiery rhetoric on illegal immigration—at least behind closed doors.

Trump on Monday is also expected to outline a new immigration policy proposal under which the U.S. would stop issuing visas in any case where it cannot perform adequate screenings.

It will be the latest version of a policy that began with Trump's unprecedented call to temporarily bar foreign Muslims from entering the country—a religious test that was criticized across party lines as un-American. Following a massacre at a gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida, in June, Trump introduced a new standard.

"As he laid out in his Orlando remarks, Mr. Trump will describe the need to temporarily suspend visa issuances to geographic regions with a history of exporting terrorism and where adequate checks and background vetting cannot occur," Miller said.

Trump is also expected to propose creating a new, ideological test for admission to the country that would assess a candidate's stances on issues like religious freedom, gender equality and gay rights. Through questionnaires, searching social media, interviewing friends and family or other means, applicants would be vetted to see whether they support American values like tolerance and pluralism.

The candidate is also expected to call in the speech for declaring in explicit terms that, like during the Cold War, the nation is in an ideological conflict with radical Islam.

Trump's Democratic rival Hillary Clinton and top U.S. government officials have warned of the dangers of using that kind of language to describe the conflict, arguing that it plays into militants' hands.

While Trump has been criticized in the past for failing to lay out specific policy solutions, aides say that Monday's speech will again focus on his broader vision. Additional speeches with more details are expected in the weeks ahead, they said.

Trump is also expected to spend significant time going after President Barack Obama and Clinton, the former secretary of state, blaming them for enacting policies he argues allowed the Islamic State group to spread. Obama has made ending nation building a central part of his foreign policy argument for years.

"Mr. Trump will outline his vision for defeating radical Islamic terrorism, and explain how the policies of Obama-Clinton are responsible for the rise of ISIS and the spread of barbarism that has taken the lives of so many," Miller said Sunday in an email, using an alternative acronym for the Islamic State group.

The speech comes as Trump has struggled to stay on message. Last week, an economic policy speech he delivered calling for lower corporate taxes and rolling back federal regulations was overshadowed by a series of provocative statements, including falsely declaring that Obama was the "founder" of the Islamic State group.

Trump's allies said Sunday they're confident that this time, the billionaire developer will stay on track.

"Stay tuned, it's very early in this campaign. This coming Monday, you're going to see a vision for confronting radical Islamic terrorism," his vice presidential running mate, Mike Pence, said on Fox News Sunday.

Trump and his top advisers, meanwhile, have blamed the media for failing to focus on his proposals.

"If the disgusting and corrupt media covered me honestly and didn't put false meaning into the words I say, I would be beating Hillary by 20 percent," he tweeted Sunday.

Northern California wildfire forces 4,000 to evacuate

LOWER LAKE, Calif. (AP)—A wildfire destroyed at least 10 homes and forced some 4,000 of people to flee their homes as flames jumped a road and moved into a Northern California town located miles away from a devastating wildfire nearly a year ago.

The fire reached Main Street in Lower Lake, a town of about 1,200 about 90 miles north of San Francisco, on Sunday and burned the post office, a winery, a Habitat for Humanity office and several businesses as thick, black smoke loomed over the small downtown strip. Staff at a hospital in Clearlake, a neighboring town of about 15,000, rushed to transfer 16 patients to another hospital while firefighters carried goats and other animals to safety as homes burned around them.

The blaze was one of 11 large wildfires burning in California, where high temperatures combined with parched conditions brought on by a five-year drought raised the fire danger. In central California, a day-old wildfire burned 20 structures and threatened 150 homes.

Officials confirmed 10 homes around Lower Lake were burned, although witnesses said they could see more. Tragically, the Habitat for Humanity office was working to raise money to help rebuild homes destroyed by a devastating wildfire that killed four people and destroyed more than 1,300 homes nearly a year ago.

"Emotions are still incredibly raw from the Valley Fire," said state Sen. Mike McGuire about last year's wildfire.

"I don't think any of us thought we'd be back where we are tonight," he said.

The fire broke out Saturday afternoon and grew to nearly 5 square miles as firefighters struggled to get a handle on the largely out-of-control blaze in 100-degree heat and windy conditions.

The fire created its own weather pattern and shifted northward into Lower Lake in the afternoon, said Suzie Blankenship, a spokeswoman for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

The fire was throwing embers and spreading rapidly as it fed on bone-dry vegetation. Large, explosive fires have torn through drought-plagued or hard-to-reach areas across California this summer, including a stubborn blaze near the picturesque Big Sur coastline that has burned 113 square miles since late July and destroyed nearly 60 homes.

Rising floodwater leaves thousands homeless in Louisiana

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP)—Robert and Gwen Arceneaux endured a sleepless night Sunday after noticing floodwater creeping into their home—in a neighborhood that had never seen water before.

They gathered up their dogs and a few bags of belongings and fled out the back door, eventually wading through waist-deep water to a passing National Guard truck—joining the more than 20,000 people rescued from their homes in a still-growing tragedy across southern Louisiana.

Now safe at a movie studio-lot-turned-shelter their worries weren't over, as they tried to get medication for Robert, who suffers from lung cancer.

"We need to get somewhere safer," Gwen said, as her dogs panted heavily under the hot sun.

Across southern Louisiana Sunday, residents scrambled to get to safety as rivers and creeks burst their banks, swollen from days of heavy rain that in some areas came close to two feet over a 48-hour period.

In high-water vehicles, boats and helicopters, emergency crews hurried to rescue scores of south Louisiana residents as the governor warned that it was not over. More than 10,000 people are in shelters and the Baton Rouge River Center—usually reserved for major events—was sheltering evacuees.

From the air homes in southwest Louisiana looked more like little islands surrounded by flooded fields. Farmland was covered, streets descended into impassable pools of water, shopping centers were inundated with only roofs of cars peeking above the water.

From the ground it was just as catastrophic.

Drivers tried to navigate treacherous roads where the water lapped at the side or covered the asphalt in a running stream. Abandoned cars were pushed to the side of the road, lawn furniture and children's toys floating through the waters.

The low pressure system that wreaked such havoc moved into Texas, but the National Weather Service warned that there's still danger of fresh floods, as swollen rivers drain toward the Gulf of Mexico.

ACROSS THE NATION

Terminal at JFK airport evacuated after shots reported

NEW YORK (AP)—Police are evacuating a terminal at New York City's John F. Kennedy International Airport following reports of shots fired. Port Authority police say they received the reports of shots fired at Terminal 8 near the departures area around 9:30 p.m. Sunday. The New York Police Department was called in to assist. Police say they have not been able to confirm whether any shots were actually fired. They evacuated the area as a precaution. There were no reports of any injuries. A short time later, police say they closed Terminal 1 after there were additional reports of shots fired. An expressway approaching the airport also was shut down. According to the flight tracking company, FlightAware, all inbound flights are being held at their origin until 11:30 p.m. due to security.

Georgia officer fatally shot, suspect remains on the loose

ATLANTA (AP)—A police officer in a small, central Georgia city has been shot and killed by a suspect who remains on the loose, authorities said Sunday. Eastman Patrol Officer Tim Smith was fatally shot about 9:30 p.m. Saturday in a residential area of the city located about 60 miles southeast of Macon, Georgia Bureau of Investigations spokesman Scott Dutton said. Smith, 31, was responding to a suspicious person call when he encountered Royheem Delshawn Deeds, exited his patrol car and was shot, Dutton said. Dutton said Deeds, 24, then fled the scene. He is being sought by police. The Georgia Bureau of Investigations said in a news release Sunday that it is offering a $10,000 reward for information leading to Deeds' whereabouts.

Asia

Thailand bombings: A look at who may have been responsible

BANGKOK (AP)—In the aftermath of a coordinated wave of bombings that shook tourist towns in Thailand this week, Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha's military government is scrambling to hunt down those responsible. The 11 explosions killed four people and injured dozens, including 11 foreign tourists.

The big questions now are, who did it, and why?

There has been no claim of responsibility, but there are plenty of groups unhappy with the political situation in the Southeast Asian nation. Prayuth came to power in a 2014 coup, and his junta faces opposition from political opponents and activist groups, as well as a long-running insurgency in the nation's largely Muslim south that has left well over 5,000 people dead since 2004.

A look at groups the government is likely investigating in the latest violence, or has ruled out:

FOREIGN MILITANTS

Thai officials say they don't believe international Islamic militant groups are responsible, calling the bombings "local acts of sabotage." The timing of the attacks gives credence to the theory that domestic dissidents were behind it: The explosions occurred several days after Thais approved a new constitution in a referendum that critics say will ensure the military's hand in politics for the foreseeable future.

Analysts say it was also no coincidence the attacks came on the eve and 84th birthday of Queen Sirikit. The army sees itself as the primary defender of the monarchy and has made clear that protecting it is a top priority. The king and queen have a large palace in the seaside resort of Hua Hin, where some of the bombings took place, and targeting that city has "symbolic implications," said Pongphisoot Busbarat, research affiliate at the University of Sydney's Southeast Asia Centre.

POLITICAL OPPONENTS

Thailand's military government will undoubtedly probe its primary political rivals, namely the opposition Pheu Thai party it ousted in a 2014 coup and their "Red Shirt" supporters in the north and northeast. A decade ago, in 2006, the army had also toppled their leader, Thaksin Shinawatra, triggering a decade of sporadic upheaval. The Pheu Thai party and its allies have denied allegations of involvement in low-level violence over the past decade, including grenade attacks and this week's bombings.

Anthony Davis, a writer for Jane's Defence Weekly, told The Associated Press that it's "difficult to give much credibility to the suggestion that this could be the work of disgruntled Red Shirt elements loyal to ... Thaksin Shinawatra. The Red Shirt movement as a whole has been under extremely tight military monitoring both before and since the military coup of 2014. The theory that they could have organized such a complex operation under the noses of the military government makes no sense."

STUDENT AND CIVIL ACTIVISTS

Student and civil society activists have been among the most vocal against the junta, which has clamped down hard on critics, regularly ferrying those who speak out to military camps for "attitude adjustment" sessions. The activists have staged small protests sporadically since the 2014 coup, but the demonstrations have been overwhelmingly peaceful, and few believe they have the capability or desire to instigate violence.

SOUTHERN INSURGENTS

Ethnic Malay militants fighting for greater autonomy in Thailand's far south have launched attacks there nearly every day for a more than a decade. Analysts say they are the only factions that have successfully staged sophisticated, coordinated assaults with improvised, remote-controlled explosive devices. Although their targets have overwhelmingly been confined to Thailand's three southernmost provinces, the militants have apparently carried out isolated attacks elsewhere—detonating, for example, a car bomb in the underground parking lot of a mall on the tourist island of Koh Samui in April 2015 that wounded at least seven people.

Thai police have not singled the militants out yet, but police spokesman Col. Krisana Patanacharoen said Friday that the latest bombings followed "a similar pattern used in the southern parts of the country."

Bombings kill 4

Attackers using firebombs and homemade explosives struck a series of popular resort cities and beach towns across Thailand Thursday and Friday

Source: AP
Graphic: Staff, TNS

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Authorities direct traffic after explosions occurred overnight and Friday morning in the tourist city of Hua Hin, Thailand on Friday, Aug. 12, 2016.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Japan marks 71st war-end anniversary, PM avoids war shrine

TOKYO (AP)—Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe stayed away from a Tokyo shrine that honors convicted war criminals among the war dead apparently not to spark controversy from neighboring countries as Japan marked the 71st anniversary of the end of World War II. Abe on Monday sent a pair of religious ornament to the Yasukuni Shrine, apparently as Tokyo tries to arrange a meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping at the G-20 summit in China next month. At a state memorial ceremony later Monday, Abe reiterated his pledge not to allow the tragedy of war be repeated, but he neither mentioned Japan's wartime actions in Asia nor apologized to its victims.

Tainted tap water sickens hundreds in New Zealand town

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)—Tainted tap water has sickened hundreds of people in a small town on New Zealand's North Island and forced schools to close. Health officials said Monday that two patients were in a critical condition and 19 others remained in a local hospital after testing positive for campylobacter bacteria. Anna Kirk, a spokeswoman for the Hawke's Bay District Health Board, said the death of an elderly woman at a nursing home was also being investigated, although it wasn't yet clear if she had contracted the illness. Kirk said at least 200 people have been treated by local doctors over recent days and that officials estimate up to 2,000 people have gotten sick.

Novartis Korea executives charged with bribing doctors

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—Prosecutors have indicted a former chief executive of the South Korean unit of Novartis and five other former and current company managers over allegations that they illegally paid doctors 2.6 billion won ($2.3 million) in return for prescribing the company's drugs. In response, the Swiss pharmaceutical company expressed regret through a statement this week, but also said without elaborating that such conduct would not have been sanctioned by the "most senior management" at Novartis Korea. "Novartis does not tolerate misconduct and we are already implementing a remediation plan in Korea based on the findings from our own investigation," the Basel-based company said.

Pakistan to deport blacklisted American who returned

ISLAMABAD (AP)—An American who entered Pakistan last week after being expelled from the country five years earlier will be deported again after being interrogated, the interior minister said Friday.

Matthew Barrett, a 33-year-old Alabama native, had spent four years in Pakistan, where he married a local woman and had two children, before being kicked out of the country in 2011 after being detained near a sensitive military installation.

The U.S. and Pakistan are allies but have had fraught relations over the years. Washington has at times accused Islamabad of failing to do enough to combat terrorism. Pakistan was angered by the U.S. commando raid that killed Osama bin Laden north of Islamabad in 2011, which was carried out without its knowledge.

Pakistan's Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan said Barrett was never suspected of spying, but was involved in "wrongdoing," without elaborating. Khan said Barrett was detained at a guest house in the capital, Islamabad, last week after he submitted incorrect information in a visa application to the Pakistani Consulate in Houston.

In media reports and a letter smuggled from jail in 2011 to the Guardian newspaper, Barrett denied he was a spy and claimed to be a victim of simmering U.S.-Pakistani tensions following the bin Laden raid. He was eventually deported and blacklisted.

Pakistani authorities have arrested two airport immigration staffers who cleared Barrett's re-entry and have launched an investigation into the incident. On Friday, Barrett's detention was extended for two weeks, according to Raja Nazeer, an attorney representing the two immigration officials.

Hong Kong protest leaders avoid jail time for illegal rally

HONG KONG (AP)—Three Hong Kong student protest leaders have avoided prison time for leading or encouraging an illegal rally that sparked huge pro-democracy street protests two years ago.

A magistrate sentenced Joshua Wong and Nathan Law to community service on Monday while a third activist, Alex Chow, received a suspended sentence.

Nineteen-year-old Wong became the most high-profile leader of the protests that erupted in late September 2014, which marked the former British colony's most turbulent period since China took control in 1997.

Youthful protesters occupied key thoroughfares for 11 weeks to press demands for unrestricted elections for the city's top leader.

Wong and Law were found guilty last month of taking part in an unlawful assembly. Wong was given 120 hours of community service by Magistrate June Cheung while the 23-year-old Law received 80 hours.

Chow, who was found guilty of inciting others to join an unlawful assembly, was also initially given 120 hours of community service. However, because the 25-year-old is due to start a year-long master's program at the London School of Economics in September, he would be unlikely to complete it so the magistrate instead gave him a three-week prison sentence, suspended for a year.

World

Boko Haram: Some abducted Chibok girls killed in air strikes

MAIDUGURI, Nigeria (AP)—The mother of one of the Chibok girls kidnapped more than two years ago by Nigeria's Islamic extremists on Sunday saw the first proof her daughter is alive—a video of her begging Nigeria's government to exchange detained militants for the girls' freedom.

Chibok community leader Pogu Bitrus told The Associated Press the video was being watched at the weekly rally of the Bring Back Our Girls campaign at Unity Fountain in Abuja, the capital.

Some of the abducted Chibok schoolgirls have been killed by Nigerian military air strikes, according to a new video from Boko Haram, which shows one kidnap victim pleading for authorities to bow to the extremists' demands that they release detained militants in return for the girls.

It's not clear how many schoolgirls have died among the 218 who remain missing.

The video posted Sunday on Twitter shows a young woman, covered in a hijab with just her face showing, who was one of the students abducted from a remote school in northeastern Nigeria in April 2014. She claims that some of her kidnapped classmates died in aerial bombardments by the Nigerian Air Force. She also said that 40 have been "married" to fighters.

AP

"Bring Back Our Girls" cofounder Obiageli Ezekwesili, left, console Esther Yakubu, mother of one of the kidnapped school girls, after she saw her daughter in a video release by Boko haram during a briefing in Abuja, Nigeria.

The video shows a militant warning in the Hausa language that if President Muhammadu Buhari's government battles Boko Haram with firepower, the girls won't be seen again.

"Presently, some of the girls are crippled, some are terribly sick and some of them, as I had said, died during bombardment by the Nigerian military," the fighter says, appearing before a group of more than 40 young women in hijabs, some holding babies.

"If our members in detention are not freed, let the government and parents of the Chibok girls know that they will never find these girls again," he said.

The video, cited by the SITE Intelligence Group, was posted by Ahmad Salkida, a Nigerian journalist known to have good contacts in Boko Haram. Salkida says he was given the video by associates of Abubakar Shekau, who is in a leadership battle with a lieutenant named by the Islamic State group as the new leader of what it calls its West Africa Province.

The mass abduction brought Boko Haram to the world's attention and even got the participation of U.S. first lady Michelle Obama in the #BringBackOurGirls social media campaign, promising her husband would do all in his power to help liberate them.

The government came under increased pressure from parents and Bring Back Our Girls campaigners after the May escape of one young woman, a proof of life that they said should encourage the military and government to redouble rescue efforts. The escapee said some of the girls had died but scores remained in captivity under heavy guard.

Sunday's video is another proof of life.

"The girl in the video spoke in the Chibok language and identified her mother by name. Her mother has now seen the video and identified her daughter," Chibok leader Pogu Bitrus told the AP.

The young woman in the video, probably speaking under duress, begs for help.

"Oh you, my people and our parents, you just have to please come to our rescue: We are suffering here, the aircraft have come to bombard us and killed many of us. Some are wounded. Every day we are in pains and suffering, so are our babies ... No one cares for us.

"Please go and beg the government of Nigeria to release the members of our abductors so that they too can free us to let us come home."

Blast at Turkish border crossing kills 10 Syrian rebels

BEIRUT (AP)—A bomb blast at a border crossing between Syria's opposition-held Idlib province and Turkey killed at least 10 Syrian rebel fighters on Sunday, activists said, as a wave of airstrikes pounded the region and fighting raged in the contested northern city of Aleppo.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said a suicide bomber struck a bus transporting fighters through the Atmeh border post, one of several crossings Syrian rebels use to bring in fighters and supplies. The monitoring group, which relies on activists inside Syria, said the attack killed 10 fighters.

A media activist in the province said the blast killed 40 people. The activist, who spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of retribution, said some 200 rebels from various factions are based near Atmeh and bring in weapons through the crossing. Idlib is dominated by ultraconservative Islamic insurgents, including a group linked to al-Qaida.

The Observatory had earlier reported 26 airstrikes on Sunday across Idlib, one of the last remaining opposition bastions. Observatory head Rami Abdurrahman said Russian and government airstrikes on the province have intensified since rebels launched a campaign from Idlib to break a government siege of Aleppo's opposition districts on July 31. The strikes have killed 122 civilians, he said.

Another 327 civilians, including 126 children, have been killed in fighting in Aleppo province, according to the Observatory. The toll includes 126 people killed by rebel shelling of government-held parts of Aleppo city.

The Local Coordination Committees, an activist network, said Russian jets struck the towns of Jisr al-Shaghour and Binnish, while the Observatory reported strikes on the provincial capital, Idlib. It was unclear how the activists identified the planes.

Aleppo, once Syria's largest city and commercial capital, is now the focal point of the civil war. The rebel campaign, spearheaded by ultraconservative factions including the al-Qaida-linked Jaish Fatah al-Sham, formerly known as the Nusra Front, has drawn manpower from Idlib, some 30 kilometers (19 miles) to the west.

Jordan instability fears as growth slows, unemployment rises

DHIBAN, Jordan (AP)—Sabri Mashaaleh feels misled and angry: The 29-year-old studied counseling expecting to find a civil service job, in line with what used to be a typical life path for college-educated Jordanians.

Four years later, he's still unemployed.

His last hopes were crushed earlier this summer when troops tore down the tent in his small, remote hometown of Dhiban where he and other jobless young men had staged daily sit-ins for two months, demanding employment.

With protests silenced, Mashaaleh sees a dark future for Dhiban.

"Dhiban has become a fertile environment for radical thoughts, and it's a fertile environment for drug problems, and a fertile environment for criminals," said Mashaaleh, speaking at the roundabout where the tent once stood.

The Dhiban unrest highlights what the Jordanian government now says is its biggest challenge- rising unemployment, particularly among the young, fueled by an economic slump and spillover from conflicts in Syria and Iraq.

Youth unemployment is endemic in the troubled Middle East, where a demographic "youth bulge" has increased the number of jobseekers, including college graduates, while economies have stalled amid spreading violence.

Even though Jordan's unemployment problem is not unique, some say the pro-Western monarchy warrants special attention because of its strategic importance. The country is part of the U.S.-led military coalition against Islamic State extremists who control parts of Syria and Iraq and have attracted thousands of followers in Jordan.

Any destabilization of Jordan, possibly triggered by economic problems, would alarm the kingdom's allies.

The government needs to take urgent action, said economist Omar Razzaz, who chairs a national team of experts trying to devise a new employment strategy. "We cannot afford to have the unemployment problem turn into a radicalization problem," he said. "That's the time bomb we are facing."

Economic growth in Jordan dropped from 3.1 percent in 2014 to 2.4 percent last year and 2.3 percent in the first quarter of 2016, according to the World Bank. Continued fighting in Syria and Iraq forced the closure of Jordan's main overland trade routes in 2015 and also harmed tourism and construction.

WORLD BRIEFS

Swiss train attack suspect, female victim die of wounds

BERLIN (AP)—The man who attacked passengers on a crowded Swiss train with a knife and burning liquid died of his wounds Sunday, as did one of his victims, a 34-year-old woman, Swiss police said. Three others remain hospitalized with serious wounds. Police are still searching for a motive but said there's no indication the suspect, identified only as a 27-year-old Swiss man from a neighboring region, had ties to extremist groups. A 43-year-old woman, a 6-year-old girl and 17-year-old girl remained hospitalized Sunday with serious injuries, one in critical condition, St. Gallen canton (state) police spokesman Hans-Peter Kruesi told The Associated Press. A 17-year-old youth and 50-year-old man wounded in the attack have been treated and released, he said.

Fire breaks out at asylum-seeker facility in Germany

BERLIN (AP)—German authorities say 16 asylum seekers suffered from smoke inhalation after a fire broke out at a container housing facility in the central city of Kassel. The Kassel fire department told the dpa news agency the fire started inside one of the residences Sunday and that an anti-migrant attack had been ruled out. About 200 firefighters battled for several hours to control the fire, which burned more than a dozen of the temporary housing units, sending thick smoke billowing into the air that was visible for kilometers (miles) around. Around 120 asylum-seekers live in the facility at the former Kassel airport and authorities say it was lucky that the fire broke out in the daytime while most of them were out of their homes.

Honduras says gang rivalry behind shooting deaths of 8 men

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP)—Killers wielding assault rifles shot eight men to death on the outskirts of the capital before dawn Sunday, Honduran authorities said, blaming a territorial dispute between rival street gangs. Officials said the victims men were gathered in front of a local business when the gunmen arrived in a sport utility vehicle. The killers demanded to see the men's identification, then opened fire, authorities said. The national forensics service said the victims ranged in age from 18 to 27. The Security Secretariat said in a statement Sunday night that the shooting resulted from a dispute between gangs over territory. It said two of the dead were gang members, though it did not identify them or the gang.

Overdrive

Ford's Fusion offers mainstream consumers a taste of semi-autonomous functions

By TROY WOLVERTON
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AUTO REVIEW

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Troy Wolverton, San Jose Mercury News technology columnist, drives a 2017 Ford Fusion Energi plug-in hybrid Platinum model in San Jose, Calif., on Wednesday, July 13, 2016.

It could be years, maybe even decades, before you regularly catch rides in a completely self-driving car.

But semi-autonomous features, which can take over for a driver in more limited ways and have been available for years in some luxury cars, are making their way into mainstream vehicles. Some midrange cars will automatically brake if they sense an imminent collision, steer back into a freeway lane if the driver allows them to drift, and guide themselves into tight parking spaces.

"We're definitely in a state right now where we're starting to see these features become more common in mainstream cars," said Ed Kim, who keeps tabs on automotive trends as an analyst for AutoPacific, an automotive research and consulting firm.

Such semi-autonomous features have been in the news lately after a fatal crash in May involving a Tesla Model S that was operating with Autopilot. Tesla has touted Autopilot, which can do things like automatically adjust a car's speed to match traffic and switch lanes by itself when a driver puts on a turn signal, as an example of its cutting-edge technology.

But you don't have to spend $70,000 for a Model S to get access to such features. I recently got a taste of what's available in mainstream cars when I test drove a 2017 Ford Fusion Energi, the plug-in model of the company's midline sedan, which is $40,000, fully loaded.

All of the self-driving technologies that Ford makes available on its Ford or Lincoln models — which include automatic braking, advanced adaptive cruise control, assisted parking and automated lane keeping — are available as options on the Fusion Energi and come standard on the top-of-the-line model.

In testing the various semi-autonomous features on the Fusion, I was struck by how much they varied in terms of usability, polish and reliability.

The most impressive function by far was its advanced adaptive cruise control, a new feature with this year's model. Adaptive cruise control will try to maintain a set speed, but will automatically slow down if the cars in front of you decelerate and will accelerate back when they speed up.

The Fusion's system takes this technology a step further, because unlike those on other cars, it will continue to work in stop-and-go traffic. Using radar and a camera system placed behind the rearview mirror to detect vehicles in front of it, it will bring you to a complete stop in a traffic jam and then re-accelerate as traffic resumes.

It worked great. I hate being stuck in traffic, but having a system that could take over the braking and accelerating made it much more bearable. There were a few times I got nervous, because I could tell that cars that were several vehicles ahead of me were starting to brake and the Fusion didn't realize yet that it needed to slow down. But it kept a good following distance and always decelerated in plenty of time.

Somewhat less impressive was the Fusion's parking system. That function will take control of the steering wheel and, using ultrasonic sensors to detect nearby vehicles, will guide the car into a parallel or perpendicular spot, telling you when to press the accelerator or brake.

The parking system doesn't detect the lines marking out a parking spot. If it doesn't have at least one parked car to guide it, it won't be able to steer you into a spot. When it detects a spot, though, it generally works well.

But it's slow. In my tests, the Fusion sometimes required a five- or even a seven-point turn to back into a perpendicular spot. It was faster with parallel ones. But, unless you're terrible at parking, you're likely to do both much quicker on your own.

Even less impressive was the Fusion's lane-keeping system, which is also new to the car. The same camera used in the adaptive cruise control system is supposed to keep track of lane lines as you are driving. If you start to drift out of your lane, the system can be set to slightly turn the steering wheel to get you back on track.

But in my tests, the lane-keeping system rarely worked. I would intentionally let the car drift — making sure there were no cars around me first, of course — but instead of steering me straight, it usually just let me glide on into the next lane. I had little confidence that the system would keep me out of an accident.

The car's automatic braking feature also gave me pause. Relying on the same radar-and-camera system used for adaptive cruise control, the braking system is designed to warn you — by lighting up a bar of red LED lights on the dashboard — if it thinks you are in danger of a collision and to automatically try to stop the car if you don't quickly apply the brakes or steer out of danger.

That feature was hard to test, for obvious reasons — I didn't want to take a chance of plowing into something. But on a couple of occasions, the feature's warning light went off in a way that both surprised and worried me.

In one particular case, the automatic braking system seemed to fear I was going to collide with a car that was stopped in the left-hand lane while waiting to turn. My car, which was in the right-hand lane, was indeed headed straight for it, but my lane curved out of the way as it approached the car. The braking system didn't attempt to stop my car, but the warning worried me; there were cars behind me and if the system had automatically applied the brakes, it could have caused more danger than it prevented.

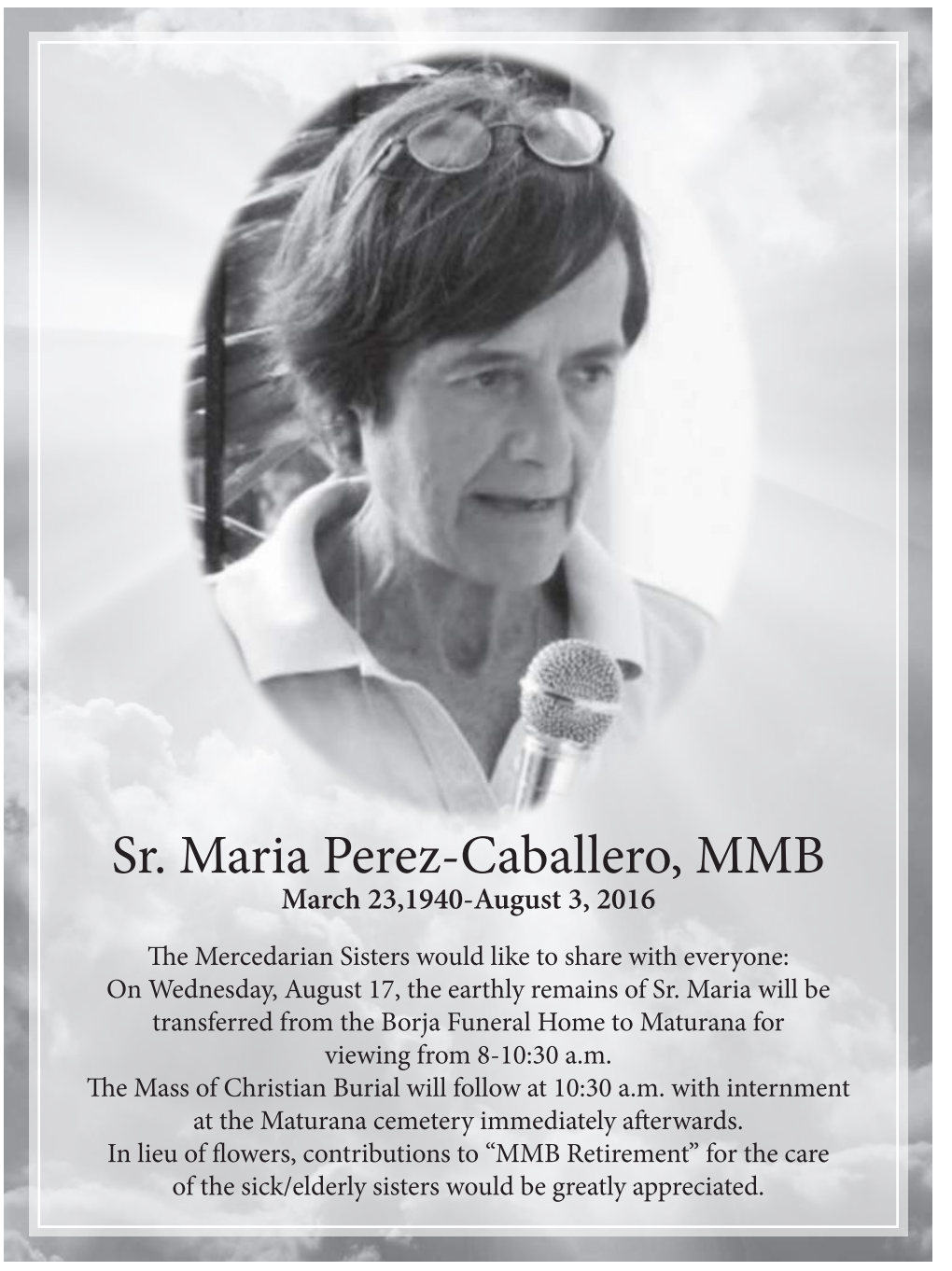
That was unlikely to happen, said Scott Lindstrom, Ford's driver assist technology manager. The automatic braking system only gets triggered when a collision appears imminent; in its most sensitive setting, it can give a warning a second or more before the brakes get applied. That's likely what happened in my case, he said.

Still, as my experience indicated, even though semi-autonomous functions are becoming more widely available, many of them could use some more work.

NUTS & BOLTS

Ford Fusion Energi

- **What:** Plug-in hybrid sedan
- **Range:** 21 miles on battery pack; 610 miles total
- **Mileage:** 97 miles per gallon (combined electric and gas); 42 miles per gallon (gas alone)
- **Technology features and options:** Apple CarPlay and Android Auto support; Sync 3 infotainment system; automatic braking; advanced adaptive cruise control; assisted parking; automated lane-keeping
- **Price:** Base model, $31,120.
- **As tested:** $39,120. Doesn't include delivery charges, taxes, license and other fees.


Sr. Maria Perez-Caballero, MMB
March 23,1940-August 3, 2016
The Mercedarian Sisters would like to share with everyone:
On Wednesday, August 17, the earthly remains of Sr. Maria will be transferred from the Borja Funeral Home to Maturana for viewing from 8-10:30 a.m.
The Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 10:30 a.m. with internment at the Maturana cemetery immediately afterwards.
In lieu of flowers, contributions to "MMB Retirement" for the care of the sick/elderly sisters would be greatly appreciated.

Life & Style

'Suicide Squad' loses some luster in 2nd box-office weekend

The colorful crew of "Suicide Squad" got duller in their second weekend in theaters, with audiences hungry for the raunchy fare of animated "Sausage Party."

Warner Bros.' intensely scrutinized comic book film broke records last weekend and managed to stay atop the box office with $43.8 million, according to studio estimates Sunday. But its earnings dropped a steep 67 percent from last weekend.

While not unexpected for a film of its size, a fall that large is often an indicator of poor word of mouth, said comScore senior media analyst Paul Dergarabedian. The DC Comics film, which cost around $175 million to produce, has earned $222.9 million domestically to date and $465.3 million worldwide.

Sony's raunchy R-rated comedy "Sausage Party," co-written by Seth Rogen and Evan Goldberg, debuted in second place with $33.6 million, outpacing its reported production budget of $19 million.

"What is phenomenal about this result is it shows if you take risks and are high-quality and original in this marketplace, it can pay off big time," said Josh Greenstein, Sony's president of worldwide marketing and distribution. "It's a big win for Sony."

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This image released by Warner Bros. Pictures shows, from left, Jay Hernandez as Diablo, Jai Courtney as Boomerang, Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje as Killer Croc, Margot Robbie as Harley Quinn, Will Smith as Deadshot, Joel Kinnaman as Rick Flag and Karen Fukuhara as Katana in a scene from "Suicide Squad."

The film takes "Toy Story"-like approach to the world of supermarket food items but with bawdy humor. It features the voices of Rogen, Kristen Wiig and Jonah Hill.

ComScore's Dergarabedian likens the buzz and solid performance to that of "Ted," which also became a strong earner by turning a seemingly innocent concept very adult.

"It's exactly the kind of offbeat, original comedy that audiences respond to," Dergarabedian said. "Summer is all about cookie-cutter sequels, prequels and reboots—the most non-original fare you can think of. And then when something comes along like this, it just solidifies the notion that audiences want something edgy, different—and that creates a conversation."

The film that was actually for children this weekend, "Pete's Dragon," debuted in third place with a measly $21.5 million. Disney's live-action/CG remake of its 1977 film stars Robert Redford and Bryce Dallas Howard and cost a reported $65 million to produce.

It is a less-than-stellar launch for a film well-received by critics, though not as poor as Disney's "The BFG," another live-action/CG hybrid from earlier this summer that earned only $53.3 million in the U.S. against a $140 million budget.

Disney Executive Vice President of Distribution Dave Hollis expects "Pete's Dragon" to end its run domestically in the $80 million range with a little more from overseas.

"We walk away feeling good about where we are," he said.

Paramount's Meryl Streep-starrer "Florence Foster Jenkins" also got off to an inauspicious start, taking in $6.6 million from 1,528 locations.

Holdover "Jason Bourne" took fourth place with $13.6 million, bringing its domestic total to $126.8 million after three weeks in theaters, while the modestly budgeted "Bad Moms" rounded out the top five with $11.5 million. The R-rated STX comedy has earned a robust $71.5 million domestically.

In limited release, Lionsgate and CBS Films' well-reviewed Western "Hell or High Water" earned a terrific $592,000 from just 32 theaters. The film, starring Jeff Bridges and Chris Pine, will be expanding in the coming weeks.

Even with modest starts and disappointing holds, the box office is still up about 16 percent from this weekend last year and 5.2 percent overall as the summer season nears its end. ***(AP)***

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to comScore. Where available, the latest international numbers for Friday through Sunday are also included. Final domestic figures will be released Monday.

1 "Suicide Squad," $43.8 million ($58.7 million international).
2 "Sausage Party," $33.6 million ($2.6 million international).
3 "Pete's Dragon," $21.5 million ($5.1 million international).
4 "Jason Bourne," $13.6 million ($18.6 million international).
5 "Bad Moms," $11.5 million ($6.2 million international).
6 "The Secret Life of Pets," $8.8 million ($40 million international).
7 "Star Trek Beyond," $6.8 million ($2.5 million international).
8 "Florence Foster Jenkins," $6.6 million.
9 "Nine Lives," $3.5 million ($325,000 international).
10 "Lights Out," $3.2 million ($3.2 million international).

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at international theaters (excluding the U.S. and Canada), according to comScore:

1 "Suicide Squad," $58.7 million.
2 "The Secret Life of Pets," $40 million.
3 "Line Walker," $26 million.
4 "Jason Bourne," $18.6 million.
5 "Love 020," $17.5 million.
6 "Tunnel," $15.1 million.
7 "Call of Heroes," $12.7 million.
8 "Time Raiders," $12.3 million.
9 "Finding Dory," $8.1 million.
10 "The Last Princess," $7.8 million.

Is NBC's prime-time Olympics due for a change?

NEW YORK (AP)—A former journalist turned college professor, Kelly Whiteside is watching NBC's prime-time Olympics coverage this month for the first time in 16 years. She's surprised at what she's found—not because the programs have changed so much, but because they haven't.

"It's almost like a time capsule for me," said Whiteside, who covered several Olympics for USA Today.

Much of what NBC does at other times is markedly different from what she remembers; the Olympics are spread around nearly a dozen different cable networks and every competition is streamed live online. Yet NBC's prime-time, the Olympics point of entry for the vast majority of viewers, has remained an island unto itself by sticking to a time-honored formula.

Prime-time ratings are down this year from the record-setting London Games, and NBC says a big reason is because more people are watching cable or their devices. But it's worth posing the question: Is the formula growing stale?

NBC's prime-time focuses on a handful of sports—swimming & diving, track & field, gymnastics, beach volleyball—to the virtual exclusion of all others. It's a mix of live and "plausibly live," or tape-delayed coverage that allows action to unfold as it happens. A narrative style humanizes otherwise unknown athletes, letting viewers page through a picture book that swimmer Ryan Murphy drew as a child or watch gymnast Aly Raisman's parents squirm in the stands.

A majority of viewers are women; 55 percent through Rio's first six nights. NBC assumes many aren't sports fans and, in an attention-getting comment last month, NBC chief marketing officer John Miller said that women are "less interested in the result and more interested in the journey. It's sort of like the ultimate reality show and miniseries wrapped into one."

That struck some fans as patronizing and reflective of a poor understanding of the audience in an era when women also make up the majority of the U.S. Olympic team.

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Italy's Maria Elisabetta Marconi competes during the women's 3-meter springboard diving preliminary round in the Maria Lenk Aquatic Center at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Friday, Aug. 12, 2016.

"We've all grown up playing sports," said Joanne Gerstner, who teaches sports journalism at Michigan State. "We have kids that are playing sports. Who are these groups of women they feel are so alien to sports that they have to be catered to in this way? I don't know who these people are."

Whiteside, who teaches at Montclair State University in New Jersey, said she appreciates knowing about the athletes competing. But, she said, "I don't view the Olympics as reality TV. I view it as a great sporting event."

Washington Post columnist Sally Jenkins wrote that a network would never think of cutting and pasting highlights of a football game around childhood film of Peyton and Eli Manning on a swing set. With its heavy packaging, NBC is "living in the past," she wrote.

NBC points to its live streams as evidence that people can watch events like the gymnastics finals live if they want. Showing the most popular sports at a time most viewers are available is a service both to the fans and those who bought more than $1.2 billion in advertising.

"The way we create our storytelling and our narrative, mixed in with incredibly compelling competition, I think is working for men, women and children," NBC Sports Group Chairman Mark Lazarus said this week. "And that's our goal. This is a very big tent and all are welcome. We program, we schedule, and we try to create a show around the competition that's welcoming to all. And I think so far we're finding success."

NBC's Olympics operation is a deeply experienced and talented team. Gary Zenkel, in his 11th Olympics, runs the business operations. Jim Bell, former "Today" show producer, is the top producer. His first NBC job out of college was working at the Barcelona Olympics. Both count former NBC Sports President Dick Ebersol as a mentor; Ebersol himself was a protege of ABC's Roone Arledge and the "up-close-and-personal" Olympics coverage of generations ago.

Three of the 27 executives profiled on the NBC Olympics press website are women.

The team's experience, and the rarity of any TV programs reaching such a huge audience in today's fragmented world, makes it unlikely NBC will blow up the formula for prime-time to try something completely new.

Given the rapid change in the way people watch TV in an on-demand world—and a 2020 Olympics in Tokyo, where there will likely be less live competition to show on prime-time in the United States—NBC may have to consider changes more quickly than it expects, said Andy Billings, a University of Alabama sports media professor and author of "Olympic Media: Inside the Biggest Show on Television."

And what would that new formula be? That's the tough question.

One idea would be a combination of live events with "SportsCenter"-like highlights and interviews, taking in a far greater range of Olympic sports. "I think the audience would be even greater," Whiteside said.

Comedian Kevin Hart weds longtime girlfriend in California

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Kevin Hart is a married man.

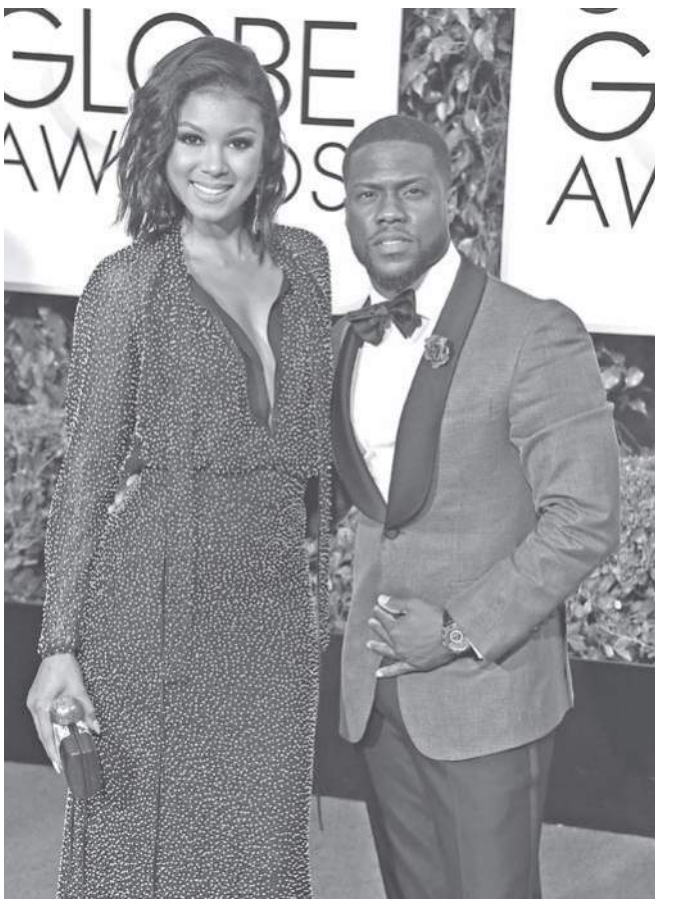
The comedian and his longtime girlfriend, Eniko Parrish, said their vows in front of friends and family in a lavish ceremony near Santa Barbara on Saturday.

Hart, 37, posted wedding photos on Instagram early Sunday.

Parrish, 31, wore a custom Vera Wang gown at the ceremony and changed into another for the reception. Hart proposed on Parrish's 30th birthday.

Hart's 8-year-old son, Hendrix, served as his best man. He also has an 11-year-old daughter, Heaven, from his previous marriage to Torrei Hart.

Ludacris was among the guests in attendance.



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In this Jan. 10, 2016, file photo, Eniko Parrish, left, and Kevin Hart arrive at the 73rd annual Golden Globe Awards in Beverly Hills, Calif. The couple were wed in a lavish ceremony near Santa Barbara, Calif. on Saturday, Aug. 13.

Japan's long-running, all-male pop group SMAP to break up

TOKYO (AP)—The on-again, off-again breakup of an all-male Japanese pop group with a strong following in much of Asia is back on: The five members of SMAP will go their separate ways at the end of this year, after performing together for more than two decades.

The group's agency, Johnny & Associates, announced Sunday that SMAP would disband, according to Japanese media reports. The agency said its members would focus on their solo careers, Kyodo News service reported.

A possible split was widely rumored in January, until the group's members made an unusual television appearance to say they would stay together and apologized for causing concern among their fans.

Johnny & Associates said that it had recently proposed the band take a hiatus, but that some members wanted to break up for good, according to the media reports.

"We judged it difficult for them to continue activities as a group," Johnny & Associates said, according to Kyodo.

SMAP, which stands for "Sports Music Assemble People," was formed in 1988 as a six-person teenage boy band. Its first CD came out in 1991, and the group surged to stardom with choreographed singing and dancing.

Nate Parker accepts Sundance award, creates youth fellowship

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Nate Parker arrives at the Sundance NIGHT BEFORE NEXT Benefit at The Theatre at Ace Hotel on Thursday, Aug. 11, 2016, in Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The writer, director, producer and star of "The Birth of a Nation" says the Sundance Institute offered him encouragement and support when he needed it most.

"They are the family I never had in this industry," Nate Parker said as he accepted the organization's Vanguard Award at a fundraising dinner Thursday night at the Ace Hotel in Los Angeles.

Parker wants other aspiring filmmakers to have the same opportunity, so the cast and crew of "The Birth of a Nation" is endowing a fellowship for a young filmmaker of color to participate in the Sundance Institute's Ignite program each year for the next five years.

Parker said Sundance support validated and inspired him as he struggled to bring the true story of slave rebellion leader Nat Turner to the screen in "The Birth of a Nation." The film won audience and grand jury prizes when it premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in January. Fox Searchlight will release it in October.

Parker compared the long process of making the film to being on a deserted island.

Adele: I won't sing at Super Bowl; show 'not about music'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Multiple Grammy Award-winning singer Adele says she turned down an offer to perform at the 2017 Super Bowl halftime show.

The British singer told an audience Saturday at her Los Angeles concert that she was asked to perform at the event.

"First of all, I'm not doing the Super Bowl," Adele says from the stage in a video posted on Twitter. "I mean, come on, that show is not about music. And I don't really—I can't dance or anything like that. They were very kind, they did ask me, but I did say no."

She adds: "I'm sorry, but maybe next time."

Performers at previous halftime shows have included Beyonce, Madonna, the Rolling Stones and Prince.

AP

In this Feb. 24, 2016 file photo shows Adele onstage at the Brit Awards 2016 at the 02 Arena in London.

Daughter turned against mom must be set straight

DEAR ABBY: I have a problem with my two younger sisters. Neither one can have children. I have three.

Recently, one of my sisters turned my sweetest daughter against me by telling her I had "abandoned her" when I moved to Ohio with my oldest son and divorced their father. Not true! I left my daughter with my sister so she could experience raising a teenager since she couldn't have a child of her own.

After telling my daughter I had abandoned her, my sister advised her to tell me she never wanted to talk to me again. My heart is broken. My daughter is very sweet and gullible. She has taken her aunt's side and says she wants nothing to do with me. This is driving me crazy. Please tell me what to do.

HEARTBROKEN IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR HEARTBROKEN: If your daughter is a minor, demand that she return to you immediately. Do it through a lawyer, if necessary, because what your sister is doing is a form of parental alienation. If your daughter is an adult, then ask your other two children to talk to their sister and set her straight.

DEAR ABBY: When a couple is on an airplane in a section with three seats (window, middle, aisle) and a male stranger has the window seat, should the woman sit in the middle seat beside the male stranger, or in the aisle seat exposed to all passengers walking by?

TRAVELER IN VANCOUVER, B.C.

DEAR TRAVELER: When someone makes an airline reservation, a particular seat is usually assigned and the airline expects the passenger to sit there unless the crew is notified and approves the change. There are many variables regarding why a person would want an aisle seat. Among them would be access to the bathroom, a person's size or a desire for more personal space. If sitting in the middle seat in close proximity to a man you don't know would bother you, mention it to one of the cabin crew and request a change, or just switch seats with your travel companion.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a retired man who took a community college class. My lab partner was a young woman who was having difficulties attending the class. She wasn't there for the final exam, and I wondered if she had dropped the course. I did not have her phone number or her email address, but she had mentioned she worked at a nearby bank, so I went to visit her there. We talked for a few minutes and she told me she had actually done quite well in the class.

When I told my wife and daughter about it, they were shocked. They said what I did was inappropriate because of the age difference and she could have gotten into trouble at her job. Abby, they almost accused me of stalking her.

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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I don't understand why they considered this inappropriate. Is there a social rule that makes my behavior incorrect? I find it hard to believe someone would get into trouble for talking to a person in the bank at any age. Gender should not be a concern. I would have done the same thing had she been a man my own age.

AM I MISSING SOMETHING?

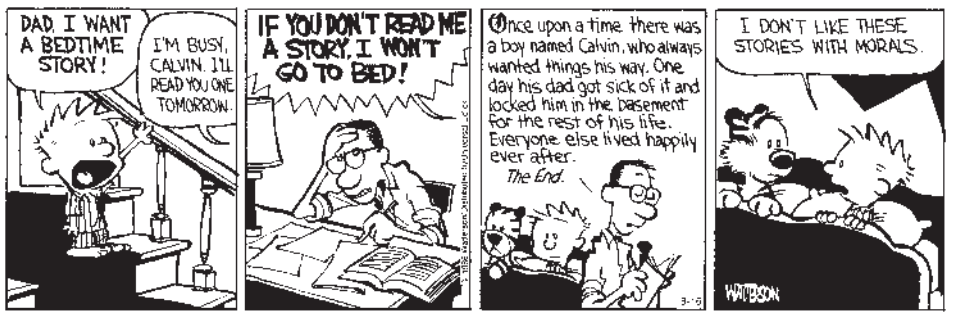
DEAR AM I: You appear to be a very nice person. What you are "missing" is the fact that your wife is insecure, and your daughter backed her mother up. You did nothing wrong.

For an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more sociable person, order "How to Be Popular." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

Pastimes

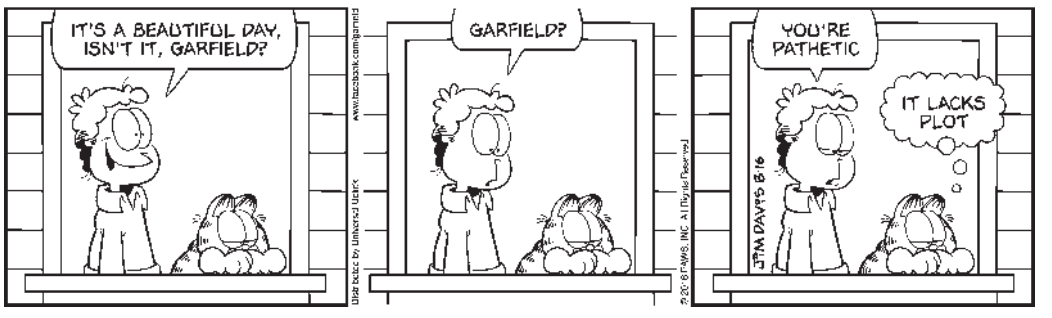
Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


DAD, I WANT A BEDTIME STORY!
I'M BUSY, CALVIN. I'LL READ YOU ONE TOMORROW.
IF YOU DON'T READ ME A STORY, I WON'T GO TO BED!
Once upon a time there was a boy named Calvin, who always wanted things his way. One day his dad got sick of it and locked him in the basement for the rest of his life. Everyone else lived happily ever after.
The End.
I DON'T LIKE THESE STORIES WITH MORALS.

Garfield®

By Jim Davis



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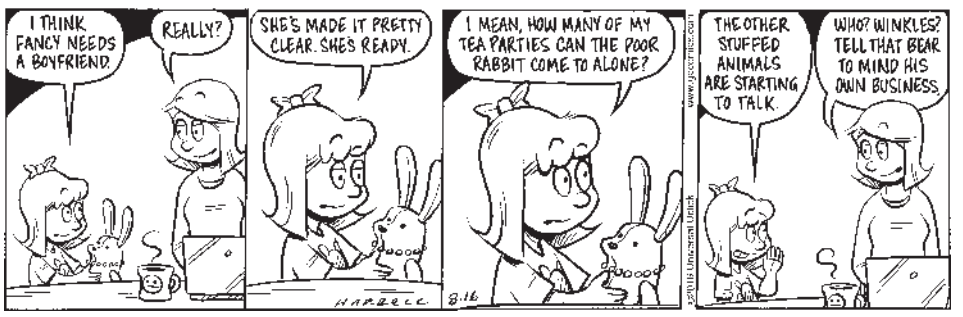
I THINK FANCY NEEDS A BOYFRIEND.
REALLY?
SHE'S MADE IT PRETTY CLEAR. SHES READY.
I MEAN, HOW MANY OF MY TEA PARTIES CAN THE POOR RABBIT COME TO ALONE?
THE OTHER STUFFED ANIMALS ARE STARTING TO TALK.
WHO? WINKLES? TELL THAT BEAR TO MIND HIS OWN BUSINESS.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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25 Ginormous
26 More (Sp.)
27 Historic time
28 Edge
29 Soak (up)
31 Prized possession
34 Thick soup
35 Denny's rival
36 Sun. talk
37 Roman orator
39 Vatican-related
40 Cupid's specialty
41 In — land
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46 Cold War initials
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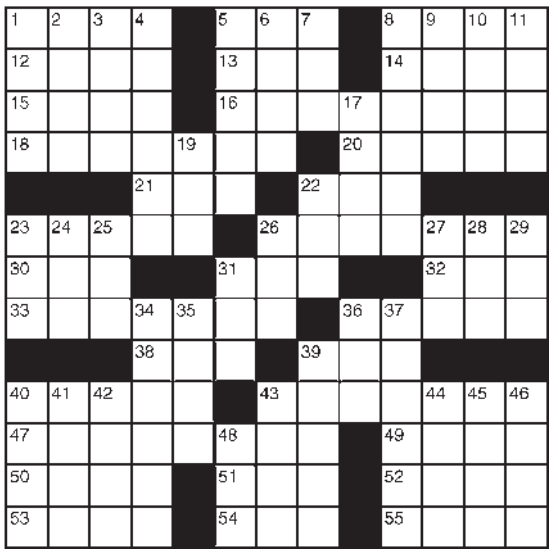

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ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Respond quickly to demands, but lean to the conservative side when it comes to contracts, money or health. Hard work and getting along with others will be necessary if you want to advance. Offering assistance will encourage personal and professional growth. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Don't let stubbornness take over when making decisions. You have nothing to lose and everything to gain by following through with your plans. Don't let someone's ability to get under your skin ruin your future. ✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Keep an open mind, but don't believe everything you hear. Avoid someone who is trying to coerce you into doing things you shouldn't, and spend more time at home with those who are looking out for your best interests. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Taking direction doesn't mean you have to let someone control your every move. You'll have spectacular ideas and should follow your own path if it looks like a better option for you. Romance looks inviting. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Make plans to reconnect with someone you have found to be inspiring in the past. Interacting with your peers will lead to an interesting idea. Consistency will be necessary to avoid confusion. Disclose information in detail. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Open up and tell it like it is. Your perspective will give those you are dealing with a chance to see things your way, encouraging compromise and the chance to turn an idea into a reality. Socialize and celebrate. ✪✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Listen well, but don't be too quick to share your thoughts. Accumulating information will help you make a good decision. Rely on past experience to help you bring about positive changes. Don't tangle with authority figures. ✪✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Holding talks will help you establish your position and plans for the future. Someone you have worked with in the past will come through for you now. A romantic gesture will be revealing. A lifestyle change will do you good. ✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Keep your secrets to yourself. What you share with others could be used against you. Travel and communication are not favored, but making positive changes at home is. Pick your battles wisely. ✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Make plans that will improve your home life. Financial gains and good news are heading your way. When opportunity knocks, be ready to take advantage of what's being offered. A proactive approach will lead to success. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Do what makes you feel good. Working to bring about important change will help you stand out and impress those who are in a position to help you advance. Speak from the heart and your sincerity will shine through. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Confusion and uncertainty will surface if you aren't able to share your true feelings. Holding back won't make matters better. Find a nice way to give your honest opinion and be prepared to walk away from a situation that doesn't feel right. ✪✪✪

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Betts' 3 HRs carry Red Sox to another Fenway win

BOSTON (AP)—Mookie Betts hit three home runs and drove in a career-best eight runs, joining Hall of Famer Ted Williams as the only Red Sox players in over 100 years with a pair of three-homer games in a season and powering Boston over the Arizona Diamondbacks 16-2 on Sunday.

Betts matched David Ortiz for the club lead with 26 homers.

Dustin Pedroia had five hits and Jackie Bradley Jr. hit a two-run homer for Boston.

Rick Porcello (16-3) became the first Red Sox pitcher in 70 years to open a season 12-0 at Fenway Park as Boston completed a three-game sweep of Arizona.

Zack Greinke (11-4) was chased in the second inning.

Betts had two chances to hit a record-tying fourth homer, but lined out to right and then grounded out in the eighth. The crowd chanted `Let's Go Mookie!' before his final at-bat. Betts' other three-homer game came against Baltimore on May 31.

Michael Bourn homered for Arizona.

AP

Arizona Diamondbacks' Jake Lamb (22) slides after being forced at second as Boston Red Sox's Brock Holt, right, throws to first to complete a double play on Rickie Weeks Jr. during the fourth inning of a baseball game, Sunday, Aug. 14, 2016, in Boston.

Cardinals 6, Cubs 4

In Chicago, Stephen Piscotty hit a three-run homer, Brandon Moss had solo shot one out later and St. Louis used a five-run eighth inning to beat Chicago.

Piscotty hit his 17th homer off setup man Hector Rondon (2-3), who entered with a 3-1 lead in his first appearance since Aug. 2 following a triceps injury.

Pirates 11, Dodgers 3

In Los Angeles, Josh Harrison and Adam Frazier each had four hits, Sean Rodriguez homered and had four RBI and Pittsburgh spoiled Brett Anderson's return for Los Angeles with a five-run first inning.

Rodriguez had a three-run homer and Jordy Mercer a two-run shot in the first to chase Anderson (0-1) from his first start since last October.

Orioles 8, Giants 7

In San Francisco, Jonathan Schoop hit a three-run homer in the ninth inning and Baltimore overcame a six-run deficit to hand struggling San Francisco another deflating loss.

Matt Wieters tripled and had a career-best five hits to help the Orioles win for the third time in four games. Baltimore trails Toronto by a half-game in the AL East.

Mets 5, Padres 1

In New York, Steven Matz carried a no-hit bid into the eighth inning and New York won consecutive games for the first time in more than a month, beating San Diego.

Alexei Ramirez slapped a one-out single over first base on Matz's 105th and final pitch in 96-degree heat. Wilmer Flores and Neil Walker homered for the Mets.

Rays 12, Yankees 3

In New York, Corey Dickerson hit a three-run homer off Luis Severino, Evan Longoria added a three-run double against Luis Cessa to cap a six-run fourth inning and Tampa Bay past New York Yankees, which started eight players 26 years old or younger for the first time in 49 years.

Longoria had an RBI double in the first and singled in the seventh, finishing the three-game series 7 for 11 with six RBI. His 74 hits and 47 RBI top visiting players at new Yankee Stadium.

Blue Jays 9, Astros 2

In Toronto, Troy Tulowitzki and Russell Martin hit back-to-back home runs, Marcus Stroman pitched 6 1/3 innings to win for the first time in four starts and Toronto beat Houston.

Edwin Encarnacion hit his 33rd home run, a solo blast off Luke Gregerson, to help the AL East-leading Blue Jays won for the eighth time in 10 meetings with the Astros.

Nationals 9, Braves 1

In Washington, Bryce Harper hit an RBI double in his return to the lineup, Tanner Roark won his fourth straight start and Washington topped Atlanta.

Anthony Rendon homered and drove in four runs. Chris Heisey added a solo home run.

Indians 5, Angels 4

In Cleveland, Abraham Almonte singled home the go-ahead run in the sixth inning and Cleveland sent Los Angeles to its 10th straight loss, 5-4 Sunday.

The AL Central-leading Indians completed a four-game sweep. The Angels went 0-9 on their trip and are mired in their worst skid since an 11-game losing streak in 1999.

Tigers 7, Rangers 0

In Arlington, Michael Fulmer pitched a four-hitter in Detroit's second straight shutout of Texas, and Victor Martinez and J.D. Martinez homered for the Tigers.

Fulmer (10-3) became the first Detroit rookie to throw a shutout since Justin Verlander 10 years ago.

Phillies 7, Rockies 6

In Philadelphia, Jimmy Paredes singled, doubled, homered and drove in three runs and Philadelphia held on to complete a three-game sweep of Colorado.

Cesar Hernandez extended his on-base streak to 21 games with a fourth-inning walk and had an RBI single. The Phillies have won four straight games.

Mariners 8, Athletics 4

In Oakland, Kyle Seager doubled twice and drove in four runs to help Seattle beat Oakland for its eighth victory in nine games.

Adam Lind homered, Nori Aoki had three singles and Shawn O'Malley added two hits and scored twice. The Mariners moved within 5 1/2 games of AL West-leading Texas.

Brewers 7, Reds 3

In Milwaukee, Ryan Braun hit two homers, doubled and drove in six runs Sunday in Milwaukee's victory over Cincinnati.

Braun hit a two-run double in the first inning, a three-run homer in the second and his 22nd home run in the fourth. It was Braun's fourth multi-homer game of the season and the 26th of his career.

Royals 11, Twins 4

In Minneapolis, Paulo Orlando and Lorenzo Cain each had four hits and three RBI and Kansas City Royals won a road series for the first time since late June, beating Minnesota.

Orlando homered, tripled and scored three times. Cain matched his career high for hits in a game.

Royals, Mets may not make playoffs to defend pennants

The New York Mets and Kansas City Royals opened the season against each other back in April in a rematch from last year's World Series.

It's been mostly downhill from there.

Beset by injuries and a general sense of malaise, the Royals and Mets would both miss the playoffs if the season ended now. Kansas City (57-60) is 7+ games behind the second wild card in the AL, and the Mets (59-58) are 2+ back in the NL.

The last time both pennant winners from the previous season failed to make the playoffs was in 2007, when the Tigers and Cardinals fell short. The last time both finished below .500 was in 1994 (Blue Jays and Phillies)—and in a non-strike year the last time was 1986 (Royals and Cardinals).

While the Royals are facing an uphill climb, the Mets are still in the thick of the race for a wild card, but it's been an ugly August for New York, which now trails St. Louis, Miami and Pittsburgh in the postseason race.

With Matt Harvey, Yoenis Cespedes, David Wright and Lucas Duda all on the disabled list, New York's lineup looks nothing like it did during the run through last year's postseason.

The Royals can relate, with Mike Moustakas and Wade Davis both currently on the DL. Kansas City also had to deal with earlier injuries to Alex Gordon and Lorenzo Cain.

The Mets did get Jose Reyes back from the DL over the weekend, and Cespedes is expected back soon.

"We're scratching and clawing right now, but we know that there's some reinforcements on the way," second baseman Neil Walker said.

Meanwhile, the Chicago Cubs are back on pace for over 100 wins after an 11-game winning streak that lasted until Saturday. The Cubs had a 5-15 stretch shortly before the All-Star break, which took some of the luster off their terrific star—but after this recent surge, Chicago is 12 games ahead of second-place St. Louis in the NL Central.

In Cleveland, Indians have stolen an AL-best 95 bases this season, which is nine more than they had all of last year. The Indians are also stealing at an 81-percent clip. Rajai Davis (31 for 35), Jose Ramirez (18 for 23), Francisco Lindor (15 for 20) and Jason Kipnis (11 for 14) are all threats on the bases.

Cleveland tied a team record with eight steals Friday night in a win over the Los Angeles Angels.

Alex Rodriguez's departure from the New York Yankees doesn't change much from a fantasy perspective—he wasn't playing a lot anyway. But if the youth movement is underway now, it certainly looked promising Saturday, when New York's Tyler Austin and Aaron Judge each homered in his first major league at-bat—in back-to-back plate appearances.

Judge is the more highly touted prospect—he was ranked No. 42 on Baseball America's midseason list and No. 18 by Baseball Prospectus at the beginning of the season. But it's hard to ignore what Austin did at Triple-A this year, hitting .323 with 13 homers in only 57 games.

QB Cousins wants Redskins to be like Spurs

RICHMOND, Va. (AP)—In the first training camp he entered as the Washington Redskins' starting quarterback, Kirk Cousins has not only enjoyed the absence of drama that marked previous preseasons, he's hoping it becomes the team's standard.

"I've told my teammates that I'd like to be the San Antonio Spurs of the NFL, be super boring and maybe people at the end of the season just go: `Wow. They had a really good year and no one talked about it," Cousins said.

The Spurs, one of the least flashy teams in the NBA, have won six championships since 1999.

Washington held its last workout that was open to the public Sunday in sweltering heat that approached triple digits, and Cousins declared the team's time in Virginia's capital "a productive 2+ to three weeks."

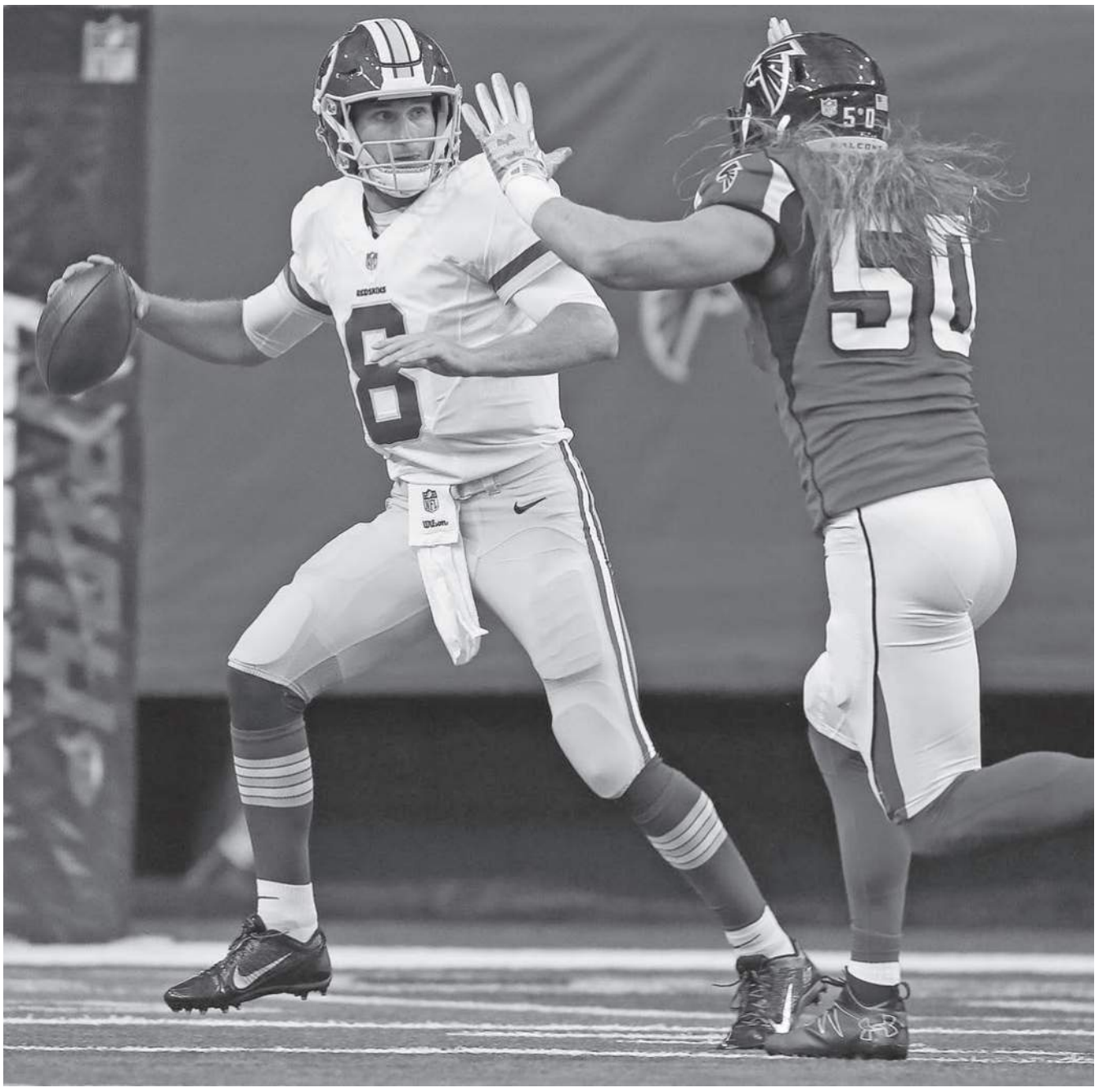
They will have one more workout Monday before packing up and heading to their Ashburn, Virginia, headquarters.

"I think we got a lot of work done. We covered a lot of situations and got to see so many different players contribute and get a lot of experience and growth," Cousins said between Sunday's morning walk-through and afternoon practice. "It was a productive camp and hopefully we can finish strong here with the last couple of practices."

The 27-year-old Cousins, declared the starter late in training camp last season, started all 16 regular-season games for the Redskins, throwing for 4,166 yards and 29 touchdowns with 11 interceptions. He also led the team to a 9-7 record and the NFC East championship before Washington was beaten by Green Bay in a wild card playoff game.

Cousins played just two series in the Redskins' 23-17 loss to Atlanta in their preseason opener, and completed all five of his passes. The Redskins were otherwise sloppy, committing 14 penalties for 123 yards and struggling to get their running game untracked, but Cousins said he's confident the team will be able to move the football.

"Having a great defense, having a great running game, being able to control the line of scrimmage ... the fundamental principles of football that have always been there are very important," he said. "Obviously there are ways around it. You can still throw the ball effectively, use quick



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Washington Redskins quarterback Kirk Cousins (8) passes the ball against Atlanta Falcons outside linebacker Brooks Reed (50) during the first half of a preseason NFL football game, Thursday, Aug. 11, 2016, in Atlanta.

game and other things, but you're going to be more consistent as a football team if you can control the line of scrimmage and run the football effectively."

For the past four years, the Redskins featured Alfred Morris in their running game. When they opted not to re-sign him after last season, that left second-year back Matt Jones as the likely starter and lead ball carrier.

This early in camp, the offense under third-year offensive coordinator Sean McVay is still a work in progress, but Cousins likes the direction the team is heading.

"I'm very pleased with Sean and what he's doing with our offense," he said. "It's so key as an offense to find an identity, find out what you do well, have a bread and butter, something you can hang your hat on, and I think we are starting to get there. We're starting to feel that with the players we have and Sean's done a great job of just continuing to evolve the offense to our strengths and weaknesses."

The real test, he knows, won't come until their regular season-opener on Sept. 12 against Pittsburgh.

"We're trying to be ready for Week One but also get in a rhythm and find some completions and convert some first downs and move the football and hopefully score points, just like we would in any other situation," he said. "We're going to try to do that until they take us out of the game."

Special teams stars make case as NFL again tweaks kickoffs

OXNARD, Calif. (AP)—Chris Maragos can't imagine an NFL without kickoffs.

The Philadelphia special teams ace admits to sounding like a lobbyist when he said he never feels safer during a play that the league keeps altering in an effort to reduce high-speed collisions, backed by statistics that show most injuries occur on kickoffs.

With competition committee member Stephen Jones of the Dallas Cowboys suggesting that safety is more important than players making a living covering kickoffs and punts, Maragos is quick on the counterpoint.

"Yeah, things are moving fast and you're running down the field. But I never feel like my safety's compromised, at all," said Maragos, who is going into his seventh year as mostly a special teams player. "From what people look on the outside in, it looks like a chaotic play. But the guys who are really mastering it know what they're doing. It's pretty under control."

Five years after moving the kickoff to the 35-yard line from the 30 to reduce the number of returns, the NFL is trying something else to encourage more touchbacks by putting the ball on the 25 instead of the 20 on a one-year trial.

There is still plenty of dialogue, too.

Senior vice president of officiating Dean Blandino held a conference call with special teams coaches during the offseason.

Among other ideas being discussed are eliminating the running start for the coverage team and pulling players on the receiving team closer to the kickoff line so that they're moving more in the same direction as the kicking team, making it more like blocking for a punt return.

Blandino said he doesn't think the kickoff will be eliminated.

"It's a big part of the game," he said. "It's an exciting play."

But the league increasingly sees it as a dangerous play, particularly with so much attention on concussions. And that's where Jones isn't swayed by the idea that it might mean fewer opportunities for players who aren't good enough to be stars on offense or defense.

"At the end of the day the players' health and safety is the No. 1 priority in this league," said Jones, the executive vice president of personnel for the Cowboys. "If that comes at the expense of something else that's not as high a priority, then we certainly have to accept that."

One of the most noteworthy plays of 2015 was actually a punt return, when Dallas safety Jeff Heath blocked Ricardo Lockette when the Seattle coverage man was in full stride and didn't see him. It was a legal play, but the resulting neck injury ended Lockette's career.

While Heat has twice as many tackles on defense as Maragos in half the number of years, he still fits the special teams profile: part-time defensive player, full-time chaser of opposing kick returners. And he believes there will always be a need for that.

"You're covering a lot of ground and you've got to be fast," said Heath, who is going into his fourth season. "There's a lot of skill that comes into it as well. Those type of guys tend to do well wherever they play. Defense, offense or special teams."

Maragos would argue that kickoffs and punts are gateways to stardom, too. Among his peers, he points to Tennessee tight end Delanie Walker, his teammate in San Francisco when Maragos was a rookie. He says special teams helped keep Walker on the roster, and now Walker is coming off a Pro Bowl season in Tennessee.

Minnesota receiver Adam Thielen was undrafted out of Division II Minnesota State Mankato and spent a year on the practice squad before becoming a key special teams contributor for the Vikings. He blocked a punt for a touchdown in 2014 and last season ran a fake punt 41 yards in the NFC North-clinching season finale at Green Bay.

Thielen said the key to safety in kick coverage comes on the practice field.

"Every day, it's technique, technique, technique," he said. "I really don't think it's more dangerous than an offensive play. You could get hit on a crossing route over the middle a lot harder than on a kickoff."

Maragos grew up in Wisconsin rooting for the Green Bay Packers, who beat New England 35-21 in the 1997 Super Bowl. The thing Maragos remembers most is the anticipation of the opening kickoff. And by the way, Desmond Howard had a 99-yard kickoff return and was the game's MVP.

"You talk about speed down the field, athleticism to avoid blocks. You talk about a heart, a grit, a determination, an inner desire," Maragos said. "To me, it embodies everything that an NFL football player should be. And really what the game is about."

Cabanas, Palino lead Gen Cup mythical teams

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Jeremiah's Michael Cabanas, center, unloads a layup against Daniel's Lawrence Borja, left, and Marlo Ibanez during their playoff game in the Genesis Cup last week at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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Joel's key player Andrew Palino and Jeremiah's Michael Cabanas topped the list of mythical team members in the youth and adults divisions of the recently concluded 5th Genesis Cup Christian Churches Inter-Color Basketball League last Saturday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Palino earned a spot on the elite group after leading Joel to a first place finish in the double-round robin elimination and the championship win against Jonah. The Kagman High School standout helped Joel get a 6-2 record in the regular season and prevail in a tiebreak for first place versus Jonah. In the playoffs, Palino scored 28 points to power Joel to an 88-78 semis victory against Nahum, while in the finals, he tallied 34 in leading his team to a come-from-behind 81-78 triumph over Jonah.

The Joel quarterback and the nine other players were recognized during the league's awards ceremony last Saturday after the title match in the youth division. Joining Palino on the group were fellow Joel member Jordan Ocaya, Jonah's Sam Darag and Jethro Cruz, Nahum's David Cai and Chen Haoyu, Ezra's Gerald Santiago and Art Nathan Borromeo, and Hagai's Seth Alonzo and Teewo Wang.

In the adults division, Cabanas led the elite selection after towing Jeremiah to a 62-58 title win against Ezekiel last weekend. Cabanas, who recorded a game-high 22 points in the finals, was also the consistent top scorer for Jeremiah in the regular season where his team finished third with its 5-2 record behind Gideon (5-2/won the tiebreak) and Samuel (6-1).

One more Ezekiel player—Isagani Cortez—made it to the mythical team, which also has Isaiah's Mark Cando, Joshua's Mark Puno and Jaymark Paclibar, Caleb's Angelo Hernaez, Daniel's Marlo Ibanez, Gideon's Rey Darag, and Ezekiel's Don Teregeyo and Dan Toribio as members.

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POJC after beating Samoa's Rafael Tapusoa, 6-1, 6-1, and Fiji's Storm Cornish, 6-2, 7-5, in Group 4 matches in the boys U14 singles. With the pair of wins, the third-ranked Woo is already assured of a slot to the quarterfinals and will go for a pool play sweep today when he meets New Caledonia's Robin Seelan.

In other U14 singles results, the CNMI's Asia Raulerson pulled off an upset against No. 3 and fellow Commonwealth bet Malika Miyawaki in their Group 2 opening match. Miyawaki eased past Raulerson in the first set, 6-1, but the latter stole the win after eking out a 7-6 (1) victory in the second and 10-7 triumph in the super-tiebreaker third. In Group 1, Conatsu Kaga swept American Samoa's Chrystal Christman, 6-2, 7-6 (2), while Maria Gregoire bowed to the top-ranked Eleanor Schuster of Samoa, 1-6, 3-6.

In the boys U14 singles Group 3, the fourth-ranked Seung Jin Paik split his first two assignments in the opening day. Paik dropped his first match to Tahiti's Haunui Montas, 3-6, 4-6, before bouncing back in the afternoon game against Samoa's Corey Duseigneur, 6-0, 6-2. With his 1-1 record, Paik must win against Vanuatu's Zachary Sands (2-0) to have a chance for one of the two playoff berths at stake in their pool.

In the girls U16 singles, No. 1 seed Carol Lee won the battle of ranked players in Group 1 after outclassing No. 4 pick Rubby Coffin of Fiji, 6-2, 6-0. With the win, Lee shares the top spot in their pool with Vanuatu's Daisy Spiti, who beat the Federated State of Micronesia's Sunshine Palik, 7-6, (5), 6-0. Lee has three games left in the round-robin elimination, including her duel against Palik today.

In Group 2, Isabel Heras also won her opening match after downing Tonga's Skylawn Palelei, 6-2, 6-0, while Tania Tan went 1-for-2 on Day 1. Tan defeated Palelei, too, 6-1, 6-0, to bounce back from her loss to Tahiti's Naia Guitton, 2-6, 1-6. Tan and Heras will square today.

In the boys U16 singles, both Vincent Tudela and Michael Ren faltered in their opening round matches. Ren was pitted against No. 3 Heimanarii Laisan of Tahiti and the latter swept the CNMI bet, 6-2, 6-0, in their Group 3 match. Vanuatu's Clement Mainguy also needed only two sets to prevail against Tudela, 6-1, 6-1, in the Group 2 game.

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Bolt beat American Justin Gatlin, who was greeted by the fans with raucous boos, by .08 seconds. Andre de Grasse of Canada took the bronze.

Bolt has a chance for two more golds - in his favorite race, Thursday's 200 final, where he has pronounced he'll be gunning for the world record, then the 4x100 relay Saturday night.

Speaking of world records—a few minutes before Bolt's race, world champion Wayde van Niekerk of South Africa eclipsed what many thought was the most-unbreakable mark in the book - Michael Johnson's 17-year-old run of 43.18 seconds in 400 meters.

Running out of Lane 8, where the lag puts him well in front of the rest of the field, van Niekerk never saw a soul - crossing in 43.03 and only glancing to his left when he approached the line to peer at the clock, which showed him what he had done.

"Usain Bolt will be retiring soon, but this could be the next star of the sport," Johnson said during his commentary on BBC.

But Bolt isn't done quite yet.

The 6-foot-5 sprinter/celebrity overcame his typically slow unfurling from the blocks—he was second-to-last after the break.

"I just said, 'Take your time, and chip away," he said.

Churning his legs to gradually build up speed, he eventually caught Gatlin with about 40 meters left and took it to warp speed. The rest was a matter of how hard he wanted to run to the line.

"From the start, really," Bolt said, when asked when he knew he was going to win. "When I got going, got to about 50 meters, I was all right. I could tell I was going to catch him."

Gatlin made Bolt work for it, the way he has for the past four years. He said the short turnaround between the semifinal and final sapped his strength, and Bolt agreed.

"First time we've had to jog to the warmup area to get ready for the final," Bolt said.

SIMONE'S THIRD: Simone Biles spent Sunday morning in the warm-up gym thinking not of history but perfection.

When it didn't happen—and really, it never does in gymnastics anymore— the 19-year-old star settled for a pretty sweet consolation prize: a third gold medal in Rio.

Twisting and flipping through the air with explosive precision, Biles easily captured gold in the women's vault final on Sunday. Her two-vault average of 15.966 was more than .7 better than silver medalist Maria Paseka of Russia and bronze medalist Giulia Steingruber of Switzerland. The margin between first and second was greater than second and eighth, a symbol of the canyon Biles created between herself and her peers.

Biles' triumph is the first in the Olympics by an American woman on vault, and her first vault title in a major international competition. It's heady territory, though Biles wasn't quite so thrilled when her feet moved just a touch on the landing of her Amanar.

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Jeremiah a 6-point cushion, 61-55, 21 seconds remaining in the finale. Ezekiel went for the quick inbound in the ensuing play, but wasted several seconds before attempting a shot with Job Samonte burying a triple from the right key to keep his team in the match, 58-61, just 8 seconds left on the clock.

With the time winding down, Ezekiel was forced to foul Rodel Lonzaga after Jeremiah's inbound play. Lonzaga then trooped to the foul line and had a split with his second charity going in for the insurance.

Ezekiel sued for time after Lonzaga's free throw and was left with 6 seconds to pull up for a quick shot. Again, Ezekiel took a few more seconds before Samonte unloaded a triple from the right corner and missed, handing Jeremiah the division championship.

Jeremiah had to play steadier basketball in the second half after squandering a double-digit advantage late in the first. The eventual champion built a 22-12 lead, but a 17-3 scoring spree in the next six minutes and change put Ezekiel in the driver's seat, 29-25.

Don Teregeyo anchored the rally, scoring 10 points in that stretch, while Jamin Dela Cruz knocked in a triple, and Jun Marilla and Dan Toribio added 2 markers each. Fred Fatialofa scored the 3 points for Jeremiah in the meltdown off a putback and a split free throw, while a buzzer-beating triple from Cabanas cut the deficit to a hair by halftime, 28-29.

It was a seesaw battle from thereon with neither team leading by as much as 8 points in the second half. Teregeyo was at the forefront of Ezekiel's title bid in the early goings of the second half before successive baskets from Samonte in the final phase of the game kept their team in contention. However, Ezekiel failed to get the win in the end, as Cabanas took care of business for Jeremiah while drawing timely outside shots from Joel Buniag and layups from Lonzaga.

Buniag hit 7 of his 9 points in the second half, while Lonzaga added 5.

Teregeyo led Ezekiel's losing cause, tallying 17, while Samonte and Toribio finished in twin digits, recording 13 and 10, respectively.

Ezekiel and Jeremiah moved into last Saturday's winner-take-all finale after beating Isaiah and Joshua in the semifinals, respectively, last Thursday. Joshua went on to gain the third place honors after slipping past Isaiah in the consolation match last Friday, 58-57.

Jeremiah 62 — Cabanas 22, Cortez 10, Buniag 9, Lonzaga 7, Fatialofa 6, Vergara 4, Bonquin 2, Conti 2.

Ezekiel 58 — Teregeyo 17, Samonte 13, Toribio 10, Cruz 6, Bacani 5, Marilla 3, Casuncad 2, Formales 2.

Scoring by halves: 28-29, 62-58.

US men's basketball edges France, 100-97

RIO DE JANEIRO—Three wins from gold, and still no reason to think it will be easy for the U.S. men's basketball team.

This is a bumpy road in Rio, but at least the Americans know Klay Thompson is finally along for the ride.

Thompson ended an Olympic-long slump with seven 3-pointers and 30 points, and the Americans needed almost all of them to hold off France 100-97 on Sunday.

The U.S. won its 50th straight tournament game, but the last three have been nothing like most of the previous 47.

"We've obviously had three close games in a row by our standards," forward Kevin Durant said. "A win is a win. We've got to think about how we can be better but we can't be satisfied."

Winning by three for the second consecutive game, the U.S. improved to 5-0 and clinched first place in Group A. The Americans open quarterfinal play Wednesday, still the favorite but looking as beatable as ever under Mike Krzyzewski.

Their opponents couldn't be determined until the completion of play Monday in the log-jammed Group B, where all six teams are still alive. The U.S. will play whichever team finishes fourth.

"This isn't a tournament that we're going to just dominate," U.S. guard Paul George said. "There's talent around this world and they're showcasing it. For us, it's just figuring out how we're going to win. We're having spurts of dominating, but we're just not finding ways to put a full 40 minutes together."

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France's Mickael Gelabale (15) and United States' Paul George, bottom, fall to the floor as they chase a loose ball during a men's basketball game at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Sunday, Aug. 14, 2016.

Nando de Colo and Thomas Heurtel each scored 18 points, carrying France while Tony Parker sat with a toe injury. Every time the Americans built a big lead, the fifth-ranked French chipped away.

"You can't panic against this team," France forward Nicolas Batum said. "We've been together for a while. We've been in those games down 15 and have to find a way to come back. We've got guys experienced, Boris (Diaw) and Tony, myself and De Colo have been with this team for 8-10 years, too."

Durant scored 17 points after he took just four shots in the previous game, the Americans' 94-91 victory over Serbia on Friday.

After pounding China and Venezuela to open the Olympics, the Americans pulled away late to beat Australia 98-88 before edging the Serbs when Bogdan Bogdanovic missed a 3-pointer at the buzzer.

The Americans could never put away the French in this one, even with Thompson having his first good performance in Rio de Janeiro.

Banished to the bench earlier in the tournament, he rejoined the starting lineup Sunday and came out firing—and this time, making. He entered with just 11 points on 4-for-26 shooting in the first four games.

He hit five 3-pointers in the third quarter alone, the last making the lead seem safe at 78-62. But the French were back within four by midway through the fourth before Kyrie Irving threw a falling-down lob pass that Durant slammed down on the fast break.

"We were up 16 with two minutes left in the third and that was our time to put the game away," Thompson said. "We have to learn from it. You can't let up against an explosive team like France."

Murray, del Potro, Puig, others cared about Olympic tennis

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)—For a sport supposedly filled with folks who don't care about the Olympics, there sure was a lot of crying during the tennis competition at the Rio de Janeiro Games.

From Andy Murray, who became the first man or woman to win two singles golds. From Juan Martin del Potro, who earned the silver, losing to Murray 7-5, 4-6, 6-2, 7-5 in the final Sunday.

From No. 1 Novak Djokovic, who surprisingly lost to del Potro in the first round, a result that elicited tears from both men, one because a gold medal is just about the only thing missing from his resume, the other because he's had such a tough road back from repeated injuries.

And from Monica Puig, whose women's singles title gave Puerto Rico its first gold in any sport in Olympic history. Puig had done her best to memorize the island's anthem after her father emailed her the lyrics, but as that song played during a medal ceremony for the first time, she couldn't get out the words.

"If I would've stopped crying, I probably would have started singing," Puig said. "But I couldn't. I was choking up the whole time."

In the run-up to Rio, there was plenty of discussion about the relationship between the Olympics and tennis, which returned to the program in 1988 after a 64-year absence.

But watching and hearing those who did participate made clear what it meant to them.

"It's been a buildup of emotions over the last 10 days or so," said Murray, who began the Rio Olympics by carrying Britain's flag in the opening ceremony, then ended them by walking into his champion's news conference with a Union Jack draped over his shoulder, "and I'm just very happy that I got over the line tonight."

His victory over del Potro stretched Murray's winning streak to a career-high 18 matches, including a second Wimbledon title. Murray has participated in the four most significant matches of the year: all three Grand Slam finals (losing to Djokovic at the Australian Open and French Open, then beating Milos Raonic at the All England Club) and the Olympic final. "I need to try and keep that going," Murray said, "and the U.S. Open is always the next big goal." Play begins at Flushing Meadows in two weeks.

Considered the next big thing when he stunned Federer in the 2009 U.S. Open final at age 20, the 6-foot-6 Argentine first had problems with his right wrist, then needed three operations on his left wrist. Based on how he beat Djokovic, then Rafael Nadal, del Potro's powerful forehand might be better than ever. "If he stays fit," Murray said, "there's no reason why he can't be up at the top of the game."

Despite what happened in singles and doubles to the Serena and Venus Williams, and even though the country's highest-ranked man, John Isner, opted to skip the Olympics, the U.S. wound up with the best haul: one gold (Bethanie Mattek-Sands and Jack Sock in mixed doubles), one silver (Venus Williams and Rajeev Ram in mixed) and one bronze (Sock and Steve Johnson in men's doubles). The only other country to win three medals was the Czech Republic, with bronzes from Petra Kvitova in singles, Lucie Safarova and Barbora Strycova in women's doubles, and Lucie Hradecka and Radek Stepanek in mixed doubles.

Happy Birthday and a spot in the semis for Walsh Jennings

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)—NBA stars came out to cheer for her. The crowd at the Copacabana beach volleyball venue sang "Happy Birthday."

And Kerri Walsh Jennings earned a spot in the Olympic semifinals.

All in all, a pretty good first 40 minutes as a 38-year-old.

"It's a unique experience, and I loved it," the three-time gold medalist said after she and April Ross beat Australia 21-14, 21-16 to move two wins from her fourth Olympic title.

The Americans will play Brazil's Agatha and Barbara—the defending world champions - on Tuesday, with the winner advancing to the gold medal match. The other women's semifinal match will feature Germany and the top-seeded Brazilian team of Larissa and Talita.

Both sessions were in front of a packed arena, and NBA stars Kevin Durant, Draymond Green, DeAndre Jordan and Jimmy Butler showed up for the midnight match that featured their fellow Americans.

The U.S. basketball players tried to get a wave going and started a "U-S-A!" chant when they were shown on the venue video board. They also squabbled with fans behind them - it's hard to see past a 6-foot-11 NBA forward - but engaged in some playful banter with Australia fans across the sand.

Ross said she has enjoyed the way athletes from different sports meet and root for each other.

"That's one of the biggest things I love about the Olympics," she said.

The Americans' victory was the second runaway of the night session; Agatha and Barbara advanced with a 23-21, 21-16 victory over Russia.

But the other Brazilian team needed three sets and 70 minutes—the longest of the Olympics so far—to get past Switzerland in the afternoon.

The 21-23, 27-25, 15-13 victory included 27 ties and 11 lead changes. There were 15 ties and five lead changes alone in the epic 29-minute second set, keeping the fans in the 12,000-seat beachside arena on their feet long after the sun set over the Rio de Janeiro mountains.

"The crowd was the third player," Larissa said. "Only the athletes who have played at an Olympic Games know how it is like. What matters today is that we stayed together, between us and the crowd with us, cheering at every point and still cheering now."

Switzerland's Joana Heidrich sat on the bench long afterward, her head covered with a towel while her body shook with sobbing. Talking to reporters with reddened eyes, she said: "Now it's really bad, but I think in a few hours I'll be really happy with our results and our performances."

Teammate Nadine Zumkehr also said it would take her a while to appreciate what the experience.

But she's going to try.

"It was the best game I ever had the chance to play," she said. "The audience was crazy. I really want to keep that deep in my heart for the rest of my life, because it's unforgettable."

Betts' 3 HRs carry Red Sox to another Fenway win

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Schorr, Woo perfect in POJC opener

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The CNMI's Robbie Schorr, seen here competing in a local tournament early this year, went 2-0 on Day 1 of the 2016 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships in Fiji.

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The CNMI's Robbie Schorr and Ji Min Woo swept their first two matches in the opening day of the 2016 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships.

The top-ranked Schorr took less than an hour in defeating No. 4 seed Samuel Strid of Vanuatu, 6-0, 6-2, for his first victory in Group 1 of the boys U14 singles division yesterday in Lautoka, Fiji. Schorr returned to the court in the afternoon and dominated the unranked Brendon Fong of Tahiti, 6-0, 6-0, to get the early lead in his pool.

Woo duplicated Schorr's 2-0 record on Day 1 of the

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Jeremiah tops in Ezekiel in Gen Cup finals

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Jeremiah outsteadied Ezekiel in the second half en route to a 62-58 victory in their title match in the adults division of the 5th Genesis Cup Christian Churches Inter-Color Basketball League last Saturday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Michael Cabanas led the finals win, scoring 22 points, including four straight clutch free throws in the closing minutes of the game to keep Jeremiah's safe distance.

His fourth free throw gave

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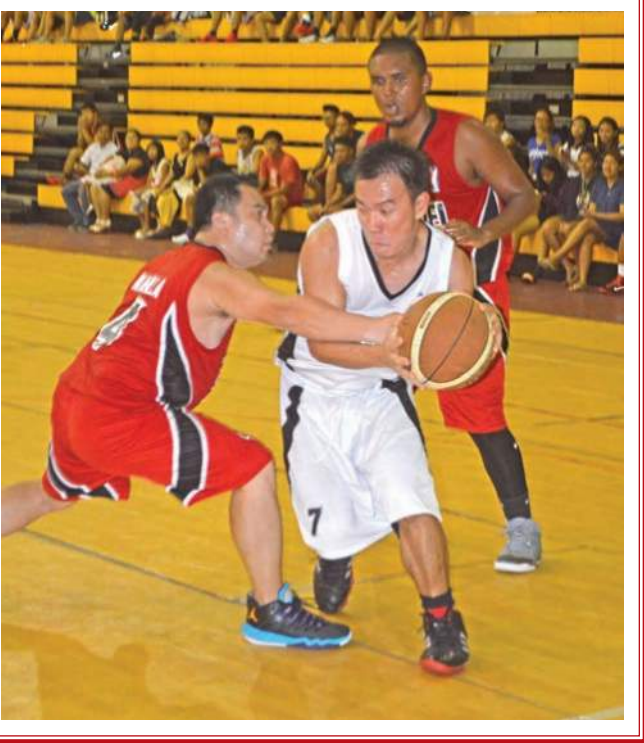

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Ezekiel's Jun Marilla, left, tries to tap the ball away from Jeremiah's Isagani Cortez, while the former's teammate Don Teregeyo stays close in the play during the second half of their title match in the adults division of the Genesis Cup last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Bolt shines bright, wins another gold in 100m

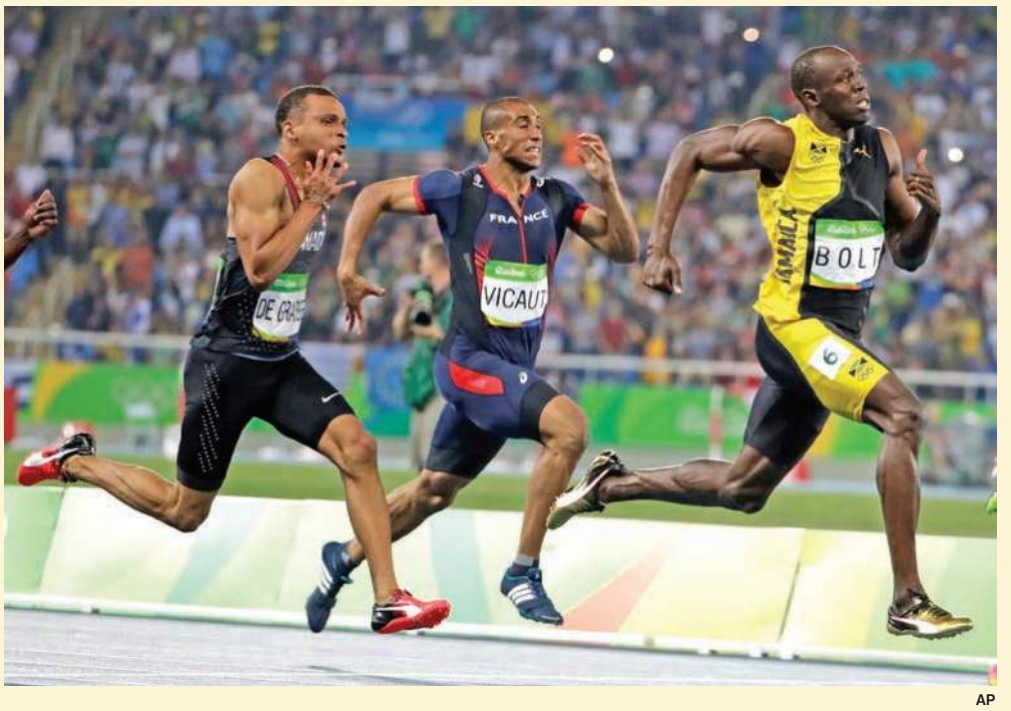
RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)— Usain Bolt sauntered onto the track, stretched out his arms and waved his hands, signaling for more applause.

He knew exactly how this night was going to go.

The sprinter-turned-showman's swan song in the Olympic 100 meters Sunday night was a no-doubter—a pedestrian-by-his-standards 9.81-second sprint down the straightaway, but not so slow that he couldn't take time to point at his own chest with his thumb a step before he crossed the finish line.

"It was brilliant," Bolt said. "I didn't go so fast but I'm so happy I won. I told you guys I was going to do it."

He won his record-setting third straight title in track's featured event and his seventh Olympic gold.



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Jamaica's Usain Bolt competes in the men's 100-meter final during the athletics competitions of the 2016 Summer Olympics at the Olympic stadium in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Sunday, Aug. 14, 2016.

He has already swept aside pretty much every sprinter who had any claim on being the greatest.

So, on a muggy night in Rio, Bolt took aim at Michael Phelps and the Olympics themselves, shoving the swimmer and all his 23 medals to the background and making this official: The Bolt Games have begun.

"I told you guys I wanted to set myself apart from everybody else," Bolt said. "This is the Olympics that I have to do it at."

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